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Two of Toronto's many participants in this year's UJA Walk for the Israel show their support while taking a break from their 16 km trek. See related story p. 27. [UJA photo]

Jordan appears ready for peace with Israel

By LEORA FRUCHT

JERUSALEM — Jordan is virtually ready to sign a peace treaty with Israel, but is waiting for the other Arab negotiating parties to make progress in their talks before committing itself to an agreement. This was the view expressed this week by both Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and Freicha Abu Madin, a member of the Palestinian delegation to the peace talks.

Peres said that there are more areas of co-operation with Jordan than there are points of contention. "But Jordan does not want to be the first one to sign a treaty with Israel — and then remain alone," said the foreign minister.

"There is no specific problem between Israel and Jordan," concurred Abu Madin. "They could reach an agreement within a week. It's a matter of delineating borders, regulating diplomatic relations, and finalizing mail and transportation arrangements. But the Jordanians can't sign a peace treaty until there are real achievements between Israel and the Palestinians," he said.

Peres added that the few hundred acres of disputed land in the Arava region would not constitute an obstacle to peace with Jordan. He implied that both parties could agree on minor border adjustments.

Jordan's Prime Minister Abdul-Salaam Majali also sounded a note of optimism, regarding negotiations with Israel. He said that the Jordanian and Israeli teams had "already finalized and finished with their agenda, though there are still minor problems with the language, which will be cleared soon enough." He reiterated the need for further progress between Israel and the other Arab parties.

Peres was more pessimistic regarding talks with Syria. He said that Damascus had "not yet emerged from the fog" to clarify its concept of peace. "The sounds we have heard so far are that the peace Syria has in mind would not include diplomatic relations or open borders. This is peace without peace — and we cannot agree to that."

The Israeli and Palestinian teams hope to come out with a joint statement of principles during the next round of talks set to begin on June 15. Such a statement is being held up by disagreements over how an interim autonomy agreement would be linked to a final settlement.

"They must be linked on the basis of UN Resolution 242 and 338," said Palestinian delegate Abu Madin. "We must be assured that after five years there is an end to the occupation and that there is a peace treaty based on land for peace. These are the main points for which the Palestinians will struggle in the next round," he said.

Peres said Israel "agrees that there is a time link between the interim and final agreements, and that the final agreement should be based on UN resolutions 242 and 338." The foreign minister added that he believed the final agreement would result in a Palestinian confederation with Jordan modelled on the basis of Swiss-style cantons. "In principle, the Palestinians are prepared to accept this," he argued.

Abu Madin said that a confederation with Jordan was likely. But he added that "the immediate problem is not whether the Palestinians choose to enter into a confederation with Jordan or choose an independent Palestinian state. The problem is how to end the occupation, sign a peace treaty with the Israelis and indicate the borders between Israel on the one hand, and the West Bank, Gaza Strip and Jerusalem, on the other.

Jews by faith up 7%; 'ethnic' issue looms

By RON CSILLAG

TORONTO — The number of Canadians who declared themselves Jewish by religion in the 1991 census increased by more than seven percent over the previous decade, but officials caution that does not necessarily mean we are getting "more Jewish."

Although the number of Canadians declaring their faith as Jewish jumped from 296,000 in 1981 to just over 318,000 in 1991 — a 7.3 percent increase — community officials and experts across the country say the figure must be juxtaposed against the question of Jewish ethnicity.

The 1991 census not only inquired about Canadians' religion but also asked about their ethnic heritage, specifically, the group to which the respondent's ancestors belonged.

Among the choices for ethnic background was Jewish, mirroring the belief on the part of Jewish federations across Canada that a person is Jewish even if he or she has no stated religion.

Statistics Canada has considered Jewish an ethnicity for over 100 years.

Respondents to the 1991 headcount were allowed to list one or more ethnic origins, including Canadian, but only one religion.

The results, at least according to University of Toronto sociologist Robert Brym, reflect increasing assimilation, secularization and even apostasy among Canada's Jews. When the figures on ethnicity are taken into consideration, it seems more and more Canadians are feeling an historical or cultural affinity to Judaism rather than practising it as a faith.

Indeed, the census revealed that 369,565 Canadians listed Jewish as one or more of their ethnic origins. Subtract the number of Jews by religion and that leaves over 50,000 people who feel they are ethnically Jewish but not Jewish by religion.

But first, the numbers on religion only:

- As expected, Ontario saw the largest growth of Jews by faith between 1981 and 1991. The figure rose from 148,000 to 175,000, an 18 percent jump.

The greater Metro Toronto area alone witnessed a 22 percent increase in Jews by religion, from 123,000 to 151,000.

The results are "not particularly suprising," said Jay Brodbar of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto.

The increase can be attributed to migration to southwestern Ontario from other parts of Canada and to immigrants choosing to settle in and around Toronto, Brodbar explained.

But before committing dollars and implementing programs, Federation is waiting for a study by Statistics Canada and Prof. Jim Torczyner of McGill University in Montreal that will blend the religion and ethnicity figures for a more accurate picture of Canadian Jewry.

That's because Federation pays close attention to the statistics on ethnicity. It counts as Jews not only those who profess the Jewish faith but those who say they are ethnically Jewish and state no religion or list their religion as agnostic or atheist.

Federation draws the line at anyone who claims Jewish ethnicity but lists another religion, Brodbar explained.

In the meantime, Brodbar expects that York Region north of Toronto will see its Jewish population mushroom and that there will be more older Jews and more single parent families.

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Jewish by Religion 1981-1991

	1981	1991	Percent change
Canada Total	**296,425**	**318,070**	**+7.3%**
Ontario	148,225	175,640	+18.5%
Quebec	102,380	97,735	-4.6%
B.C.	14,680	16,565	+13%
Manitoba	15,670	13,670	-12.8%
Alberta	10,650	9,945	-6.5%
Nova Scotia	2,010	1,950	-3%
Saskatchewan	1,580	1,375	-12.7%
N.B.	845	875	+4%
Newfoundland	220	125	-43%
PEI	80	85	+6%
NWT	70	60	-15%
Yukon	15	45	+200%
Percentage of total pop.	**1.2%**	**1.2%**	——
Toronto *	**123,725**	**151,115**	**+22.5%**
Montreal	**101,365**	**96,710**	**-4.6%**
Vancouver	**12,875**	**14,360**	**+11.5%**

*includes Metropolitan Toronto and surrounding regions

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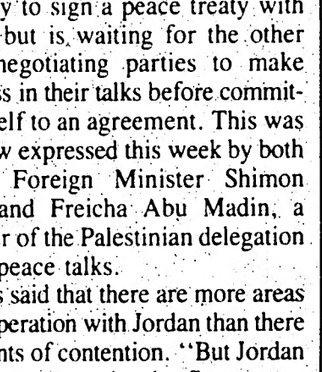

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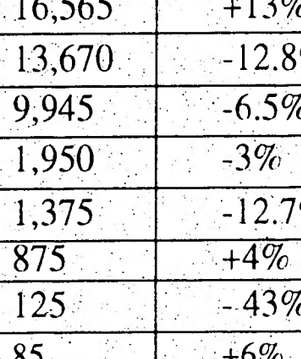

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Israel adapts treatment to fight cerebral palsy

By RON CSILLAG

TORONTO — Udi Lion recalls that when his son Yoel was diagnosed with cerebral palsy as an infant, experts in Israel recommended what he calls the Western approach: treating the disorder as medical and having several experts work with the child, each on a different skill, while the child is strapped into a special chair to hold him upright.

He didn't know it at the time but Yoel Lion became a pioneer, for he was the first Israeli child to undergo the so-called Peto method, a psycho-educational approach to treating children with motor control disorders that has become known around the world as conductive education.

Considered quite radical when it was developed after World War II by Andreas Peto, a Hungarian Jewish doctor, the method was literally kept behind an iron curtain until around 1987, when Udi Lion first travelled to Budapest with Yoel.

When he arrived at the Peto Institute, Yoel could not keep his balance while seated; standing up was impossible. What's more, he was deaf. His hand movements were jerky and everyday tasks, like eating and getting dressed, were tortuous.

After one month at the institute, Yoel was able to sit still by himself and showed dramatic improvement in self-confidence and morale.

And he wasn't alone. Hungarian officials estimated that fully 70 percent of children who receive conductive education at the Peto Institute improve to the extent they are able to function independently.

Conductive education intrigued Udi so much that he negotiated with the institute to reserve space there for Jewish and Diaspora children. At the same time, he gained the institute's agreement to train professionals in the method for export and bring the Peto approach to Israel.

Thus was born Tsad Kadima (A Step Forward), the Association for the Advancement of Conductive Education in Jerusalem, with Udi Lion as its current director.

The method is attracting more and more converts around the world, says Lion, who was in Toronto last week for a two-day conference on conductive education presented by Ontario March of Dimes and to feel out the feasibility of setting up a Canadian Friends of Tsad Kadima.

There are roughly 3,000 children in Israel who suffer from cerebral palsy and associated motor dysfunctions like spina bifida, Lion points out, as well as thousands of adults with Parkinson's disease, multiple sclerosis and head injuries.

Udi Lion

Today, there is hope for them because of conductive education. The method differs from conventional treatment of motor disorders in that the child spends the entire day with a single professional, known as a conductor, instead of with several different experts. The conductor seeks to stimulate the child to rely on his own resources. Emphasis is on socialization skills and since the child is with his peers, support from them is encouraged.

The method is by no means a cure or treatment, Lion stresses, but it does go a long way toward improving motor skills.

"The disabled child gets frustrated early," Lion explains. "He cannot grab a toy or sit up. So he cries. The parents respond to the crying so the child learns to be dependent. He stops trying and becomes passive."

Conductive education is designed to check and rectify that personality impairment. Self-image and motivation are restored with a view to integrate the child into mainstream education.

Today, there's a long waiting list at Tsad Kadima, which has 200 students. Half of all applicants must be turned away. Fees, about 400 sheckels a month, are subsidized, but only up to 10 percent of the total, by Israel's health ministry.

The bright side is that Israel is now turning out its own conductors, who undergo five years of training.

However, spiralling costs and more applicants mean Tsad Kadima will be squeezed. That's a shame, Lion notes, especially when one can see the faces of its "graduates."

For more information, call Albert Gellman at (416) 485-4448.

Vancouver reports highest rate of intermarriage

By MAURICE LUCOW

VANCOUVER — Vancouver has the highest household rate of the three largest Canadian Jewish centres in which one spouse is not Jewish, says the Jewish Federation of Greater Vancouver.

In a bulletin, Focus for the Future, based on the 1991 census, Jean Gerber, the federation's director of community services, says that in 64 percent of Vancouver's Jewish households, both husband and wife are Jewish, and in 36 percent one spouse is not Jewish. In Toronto, the report shows, 15.7 percent of the Jewish homes have one Jewish spouse, and in Montreal the figure drops to 11.3 percent.

Gerber noted that in the census questionnaire Jewish Canadians could define themselves in two different but related ways: they could list which ethnic or cultural group or groups in which the individuals's ancestors belong or what was the person's religion.

One-half of the nearly 22,000 Jews of Greater Vancouver indicated that they considered their origin to include more than one ethnic identity; in Montreal, Toronto and Winnipeg about 75 percent indicated a single ethnic origin — Jewish.

Following up on this report, the federation surveyed 500 households chosen at random from its lists to ask: How important is being "ethnically" Jewish to your own personal sense of identity; and How important is being "religiously" Jewish to your sense of identity?

Gerber says that of the 246 responses, 60 percent said being ethnically Jewish was "very important;" and 41 percent responded that being religiously Jewish was "very important." Of the religiously identified Jews, 68 percent felt Jewish religious practices were very important; of the ethnics, 20 percent felt they were important. Of those whose identity was religiously defined, 49 percent said they always lit Shabbot candles; of the ethnics 27 percent said they always lit candles.

The Focus for the Future bulletin, which is one of a series analyzing the census report, says that "if the fuzzy sense of Jewishness that "ethnicity," multiple or single, hints at is a predictor of behavior, one of the behaviors it indicates is the erosion of Jewish identity and a huge percentage of Jews in our community whose life choices are leading them away from communal life."

Israel examines health care here

By MIRIAM SOBEL

OTTAWA — Medical experts from around the world are watching with dismay the problems Canada is having with its health care system, says one Israeli doctor.

Dr. Shmuel Penchas, director general of Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem, said Canada's health care system was always held up as the model for other countries to follow.

"We view what's happening in Canada as an earthquake. You are undergoing the wrenching that many other countries have already gone through," he said at a luncheon lecture at the Ottawa General Hospital.

Penchas was on a speaking tour arranged by Hadassah International, an arm of Hadassah-WIZO, and the Canadian representative of Jerusalem's Hadassah Hospital.

Penchas spoke about spending health care money in a way that is fair to all citizens. The problem Western countries are facing is deciding what medical care the public system should pay for.

In Israel, Penchas said, there is a "basket" of basic services the government funds.

"The problem is, no one has decided what things belong in the basket."

He believes the best way to make those decisions is to ask the public. Patients won't tolerate doctors deciding how to spend public health dollars. And he doesn't believe the decision should be left up to politicians and bureaucrats. He said the debate should be out in the open.

Penchas favors the model used in the Oregon experiment. When Oregon decided last year to try running a publicly-funded health care system, the state asked the public to vote on what it wanted.

A panel of experts ranked all the health care services in terms of the quality of life they would bring to people. At the top of the list were the services that benefitted the most number of people. Immunization programs were in this group. Lower in the list were services that served fewer people at higher cost, like kidney dialysis. Near the bottom were services, like liver transplants, which were very expensive and would benefit few patients.

Asked to vote on where to draw the line on the list, the people of Oregon overwhelmingly chose to fund those items that would bring the highest quality of life to the most people.

Penchas also spoke in Kingston, Toronto, Montreal, and London. While in Ottawa he was guest of honor at a reception given by Israeli Ambassador Iszhak Shelef.

Penchas will be going on to Japan where he has been invited to talk about holistic medicine in a hospital setting.

Service planned for Steinberg

TORONTO — A memorial service for the late Rabbi Sheldon (Shalom) Steinberg will be held Sunday, June 13 at 1 p.m. at B'nai Torah Congregation, 465 Patricia Ave. in Willowdale.

Many rabbis in the city have been learning Mishna in Rabbi Steinberg's memory, and Rabbi Yitzchok Witty, executive director of the Board of Jewish Education, and a long-time friend, will lead the siyum mishnayos, the formal marking of the conclusion of study.

There will also be words of memoriam.

Rabbi Steinberg, who died in May at the age of 59, was director of chaplaincy services for Jewish Family & Child Service and for Mount Sinai Hospital. He had previously served as rabbi in Boston, Saratoga Springs, and Regina, and in education in Toronto. He received smicha, rabbinic ordination, from Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary (RIETS) of Yeshiva University.

The public is invited to attend the memorial service.

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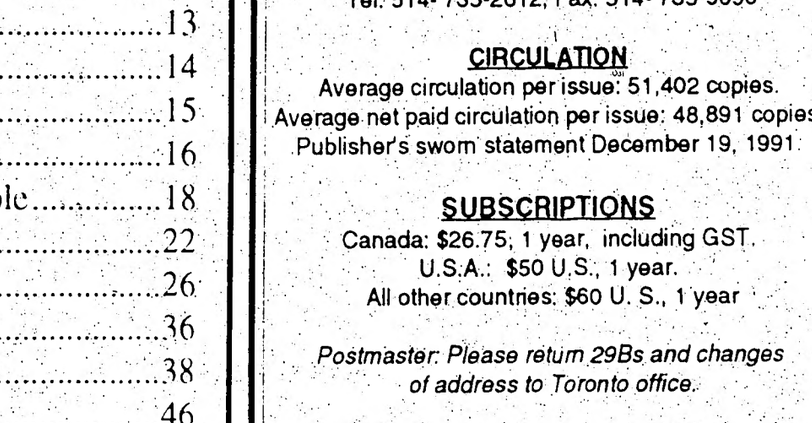

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Firm denies Israel boycott

By RON CSILLAG

TORONTO — KPMG Peat Marwick, the world's largest accounting firm, is not boycotting Israel and will try to gain "formal representation" in the Jewish state, says the chair and chief executive of the company's Canadian affiliate, Peat Marwick Thorne.

In a letter to *The CJN*, W. Ross Walker writes that when he becomes international executive partner of KPMG this October, "I can assure you that gaining formal representation in Israel will be on the agenda."

Walker was responding to a Jewish Telegraphic Agency story [*CJN*, May 28] reporting that the Los Angeles-based Simon Wiesenthal Centre has accused Peat Marwick of deliberately omitting Israel from its directory of worldwide offices and affiliates, in 161 countries, to avoid offending Arab clients.

"This is not true," responded Walker. "The KPMG directory does not contain a listing for Israel for one reason: because we do not have a member firm or a representative office in Israel.

"KPMG does have a relationship with one of the leading Israeli firms, Kesselman & Kesselman, which has similar arrangements with other 'big six' accounting firms who are our competitors.

"However, our worldwide practice is to require all KPMG member and representative firms to have an exclusive relationship with KPMG, backed by a signed letter of agreement. Because our agreement with Kesselman & Kesselman is not exclusive, they have not been listed in our directory."

The CJN article of May 28 also stated that *The Wall Street Journal* quoted Kesselman & Kesselman managing partner Avi Berger as saying the reason KPMG does not include his firm in the directory is because of compliance with the Arab boycott.

Berger has written the *Journal*, disavowing that statement, adding that the mention of his firm in the directory is "a step in the right direction."

The New York-based American Jewish Congress (AJC), which monitors compliance with the Arab boycott, has written all big six accounting firms, inquiring about their relationship with Israel.

(The big six are Arthur Anderson & Co., Coopers & Lybrand, Deloitte & Touche, Ernst & Young, KPMG Peat Marwick and Price Waterhouse. Israel is not listed in the 1991 worldwide directories of KPMG Peat Marwick, Price Waterhouse and Deloitte & Touche. Copies of the other three firms' directories were requested but not forwarded to *The CJN*.)

According to the AJC, Price Waterhouse responded by saying that "none" of the big six firms has offices in Israel and none has corresponding relationships with any Israeli firm.

The AJC concedes its investigation has shown that the exclusion of Israel from directories cannot be attributed "simply as pandering to Arab prejudice or participating in the Arab boycott."

For example, it says Peat Marwick released a report last October in which it recommended foreign investment in Israel.

Responses from the other firms, according to the AJC, were as follows:

- Deloitte & Touche declared that its failure to list Israel in its annual report was because of its policy of listing only those locations in which there is a firm that is a member of its international parent, DRT International. It added it was doing business with Israel through "working relationships" with "top" Israeli firms and that it had been selected to serve as independent auditors for Bank Leumi.

The AJC says it received assurances from a high-level Deloitte & Touche official that the firm would list Israel as a country "in which we can coordinate professional accounting services."

- Peat Marwick indicated it would list Israel in its directory with an asterisk stating that in Israel, the firm works through Kesselman & Kesselman. (This was prior to the optional insert).
- Arthur Anderson stated it would give "serious consideration to including references to our capability to provide service in Israel, along with other countries we omit from our report because we have no formal arrangement."
- Price Waterhouse stated it did not maintain an office in Israel for economic reasons and particularly because of the presence there of "high quality accounting firms" to which work is referred. The AJC recommended Price Waterhouse adopt a stance similar to that of Deloitte & Touche, but it says Price Waterhouse declined.

The AJC lists no response from Coopers & Lybrand and Ernst & Young.

JNF income down 7 percent

By MAURICE LUCOW

VANCOUVER — Despite the recession, the Jewish National Fund (JNF) of Canada reported income of $6,736,375 in 1992, just a little less than the income of $7,277,662 the year before, it was reported at the annual meeting here May 30.

As in previous years, says the JNF report, income from Foundation projects (lifetime endowments) provided 65 percent of total income. Although Foundation income was "slightly lower" in 1992 than the year before, "it compares well with previous years when the effects of the recession were not so widespread."

Alberta and Eastern Canada were the only regions which exceeded 1991 in new subscriptions, while there was a marked decline in most of the other regions.

However, the report continues, despite fewer projects, cash flow from new projects were "quite high, especially in Toronto, where efforts were concentrated on large projects with maximum cash flow . . . Whereas a larger number of smaller projects usually ensures a steady cash flow in future years, at a time of economic difficulties, concentration on a smaller number of projects with high cash flow has its merits."

By regions, incomes for 1992 were as follows: Eastern Canada, $1,338,973; Ontario, $2,972,150; Manitoba/Saskatchewan, $763,814; Alberta, $159,448; British Columbia, $1,501,990.

Expenses for the year totalled $1,677,621 and remittances to Israel added up to $4,350,000.

Alan Posluns, of Toronto, national president of the JNF, told *The CJN* that considering the financial problems faced by almost all the communities, the past year's results "showed a remarkable record of support for Israel." He was especially enthused about the JNF's "mega missions," reporting that the 1992 tour brought over 650 people to Israel and another "very successful" mission was held early in 1993. A mega mission is planned for next year.

In his report to the meeting he noted that while the bulk of the funds come from foundation projects and Negev Dinners (there were nine in 1992), "I believe that through the sale of trees the Jewish National Fund penetrates more Jewish households in Canada than any other organization."

Also he said the JNF provides more input into youth and education "which may have some financial cost. But it has traditionally been our mandate to provide information and to be a bridge between Israel and the Diaspora."

Morris Zilka, executive vice-president, said he has travelled across Canada meeting with JNF supporters and "it is an honor and thrill seeing how deeply they care and how devoted they are." He said the educational materials have been well received and the schools "are delighted to include our materials in their curriculums." He added that in co-operation with the Eastern region a Blue Box coloring book has been produced providing school kids with the opportunity of learning about JNF's work "in a novel and amusing way."

Among the projects undertaken last year were two major new ones: the British Columbia Forest, launched in February of 1992 by Speaker of the House of Commons John Fraser and the Toronto Community Forest. The B.C. Forest is expected to reforest the Galilee; the Toronto project, located at Yatir, is planned to help the greening of the Negev desert.

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Soldier forced to adapt to new life

By LEORA FRUCHT

TEL AVIV — On July 4, 1976, an Israel Air Force team burst into a Uganda airport to free 98 Israeli hostages being held by hijackers. Operation Entebbe went down in history as one of the world's most daring and brilliantly executed rescue missions. The commander, Yonathan Netanyahu — killed during the operation — became a household name in Israel. Less known is the other IDF soldier who was shot during the rescue: Sorin Hirshko.

After teetering on the brink of death for weeks, Hirshko made it. But he paid a harsh price for his part in the operation. He is paralyzed from the shoulders down.

The Romanian-born paratrooper had only a couple of weeks left in his military service when he volunteered for the dangerous mission. He was climbing up the stairs of one of the airport terminals when a Ugandan guard leapt out of hiding and shot him in the mouth.

Today 38-year-old Hirshko relies on two live-in aides to feed him, dress him and drive him around. If he is in many respects utterly dependent on his assistants, he has nevertheless carved some degree of independence for himself. He works as a computer programmer, operating his computer, wheelchair and telephone, with a mouth-controlled stick. His clients include a number of municipalities, including the City of Tel Aviv.

Though he puts in long hours at the terminal, he also makes time for other activities in his life. He swims, dines out with friends, attends operas and classical music concerts, takes courses at the Open University, and has even been on a safari in Kenya.

Sitting in his wheelchair in the spacious villa that he helped design, Hirshko shows no sense of remorse or pity. His eyes are warm, his sense of humor sharp, his words modest.

He smiles with embarassment at the use of the term "hero."

"No, there is nothing heroic about the way I cope," he says. "It's just easier this way. Depression is a luxury that someone in my position can't afford."

His phone rings constantly — with calls from clients and friends, and invitations to dinner. Among his close friends are a number of members of his former paratroop unit. There are also a few people who had never met him before his accident, but came to visit him at the hospital. Seventeen years later, he is still friends with some of them.

"My situation is difficult. There are limitations. But I look at all the activities I can do and focus on them. It's much easier than getting up every morning and thinking 'if only I wasn't paralyzed . . .' I believe most people in my situation deal with it much the same way. It's nothing extraordinary."

Nevertheless, Hirshko says he understands those who are less able to cope — and does what he can to help them.

"To my sorrow, soldiers continue to be wounded like I was. Some of them ask to meet me — and I do it gladly.

"Being paralyzed is like being a tourist in a foreign country. You don't know anyone, you don't understand the mentality or the customs. You get completely lost. In that situation, the best thing that can happen to you is for a local resident to help you out, by providing guidance and tips.

"I can share my knowledge," he says, and adds as an afterthought: "There's also the broader perspective. By seeing me, the disabled soldier sees that it's possible."

Hirshko proved very quickly that it's possible for a quadriplegic to live a full life. A month after leaving the hospital, he began studying at Tel Aviv University, earning a BA in sociology and labor studies. During an evening course at Beit Halochem, he encounterd his first personal computer. Deciding that it "would be easier to make a living from computers than from sociology," he enrolled in computer programming studies at a private school.

Today he works from his home computer, developing programs for various clients. These are then sold by a private company to other clients.

"I enjoy my work a lot. It's a field that's developing all the time. I am constantly reading the professional literature and attending lectures and courses to keep up with the innovations."

In his spare time, Hirshko goes to Beit Halochem to swim and have physiotherapy. He is also a regular at the shooting range. A device was built to enable him to aim the gun with his shoulder and fire it using his mouth. Last year he won first prize in the Beit Halochem shooting competition. It wasn't his first award — he also has an international shooting trophy.

"The main reason I chose to live where I do was to be near Beit Halochem," he says. "It plays a very important role in my life as a social, cultural and recreational centre."

For Hirshko, the hardest part about being disabled is the dependency. "To need someone with you all the time, to know you'll always be dependent on another person — that's the most difficult thing. But you get used to that too.

"Today, my daily problems have more to do with computers than with being disabled," he says. "I'm more likely to drive myself crazy trying to solve a programming problem than fixing my wheelchair. My problems are like anyone else's."

With a couple of exceptions.

Sorin Hirshko operates his computer by mouth.

The public attitude towards the disabled is often based on ignorance, he admits. Surprisingly so — given the number of disabled war veterans in Israel.

"Instead of asking me something, people often approach my aide and ask him what my name is, or whether I want something — as though I am unable to speak for myself." Hirshko recounts such incidents without any trace of bitterness. He sounds perplexed, even amused by the surprising reactions of strangers. "When it comes to the disabled, there is much greater awareness in Europe and North America than there is in Israel," says Hirshko, who has travelled abroad several times. "But it's improving. It used to be that when a young child would ask his mother why I'm in a wheelchair, she would tell the boy to be quiet and drag him away. Just yesterday, when this happened, the mother told her child: 'This is a wheelchair — it's for people who can't walk.' So people are learning."

Hirshko finds the lack of access for the disabled in public places in Israel "disappointing," and is active in a lobby group to press for improvements. "There is simply no justification for it."

When he looks back at his life, he has no regrets about having joined the paratroopers. On the contrary. "That was the nicest period of my life — albeit a very difficult experience."

More difficult than learning to live as a quadriplegic?

"The challenge of being a paratrooper was mostly physical. It was a chance to see how strong you are, to test your physical limits. The challenge of rehabilitation was purely psychological. In both experiences you have to come to terms with yourself. You can easily say: 'I give up. I'm not going on.' In both cases, I chose to go on.' "

Neo-Nazis charged with assaulting merchant

By BEN ROSE

KITCHENER — A 50-year-old Jewish merchant was struck in the chest with cowboy boots by a man who shouted "I want to kill all you Jews," in the Headin West store here.

Racks of merchandise were overturned in the western goods store during the scuffle after three men, two wearing Nazi regalia, entered it.

Paul McGraw, 20, of Weber St. E., Kitchener, was charged with assault with a weapon and uttering death threats. A 17-year-old youth was charged with trespassing.

"To my knowledge this is the first time we have had violence of this kind in a racial situation," said Det. Sgt. Warren Kells of the Kitchener police department. "We've had picketing and small demonstrations."

Eisen said his son, Alan, 18, had asked one of the men to leave the store the previous night after the swastika-sporting youth proudly admitted to being a Nazi and White Supremacist.

"He came back today with two friends and when we told them to leave, one of them just went nuts," said Alan.

"They were yelling, 'You f------ Jew, I'm going to kill you. Go back to your own country, you f----- Jews."

Eisen, the owner of the store, told the men he refused to serve Nazis.

"They were screaming terrible slurs against the Jews," he said.

"One man threw a punch at my dad but he missed," Alan said. "It was after that they started throwing boots around and they overturned a rack of belts."

Alan said his father, a short, stocky man, was not hurt in the fray. "But I was scared, thoroughly intimidated. Here were these three guys with heavy boots and Nazi insignia."

Viewing the attack as a serious one, Gerda Frieberg, chairman of the Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region, and Bernie Farber, national director of community relations, went to Kitchener, to speak to the Eisens and to Kitchener police.

"This is the first time there has been so brazen an attack and we wanted to be sure the police understood the seriousness and the implications of the situation," said Frieberg. "We are convinced that they do."

On Saturday the white supremacist Heritage Front held a recruiting rally in Ottawa and, two weeks ago, a recruiting drive in Kitchener.

Wolfgang Droege, leader of the Heritage Front, said the store owner acted in a discriminatory manner when he asked the trio to leave.

The inaction of all politicians may have paved the way for the racist attack in Kitchener, Mike Harris, leader of the Progressive Conservative party, told the legislature.

David Sax, left, and Izhar Cohen during Cohen's visit to Toronto in 1989.

Video prompts Toronto family to come to aid of disabled soldiers

By DEBBIE LIGHTSTONE

TORONTO — In 1987 Julia Sax saw a video that changed her life.

The video told the story of Beit Halochem (literally, House of the Warriors) the combination rehabilitation, sports, cultural and social centres where more than 40,000 Israeli disabled war veterans wage their personal war after the war.

"I was very moved by the video and became involved with the planning committee right away," Sax said.

"We had never really been involved with Israel or known any Israelis before that," said her husband Michael.

"But when we met the vets who came to Toronto that year, we knew we would want to host some the next year," he said.

And they did.

For two years in a row, they hosted a disabled soldier in their home. In 1988, they spent two weeks with 45-year-old Shlomo, who had back problems from shrapnel wounds he suffered when his army tank was hit. The following year, their guests were 27-year-old Izhar, who was blinded while defusing a land mine, and his fiancee Tal.

"We live with these guys," Julia said, bringing out stacks of photos taken during the visits. "Their pictures are always on the fridge door or in the den. We opened up our arms and our hearts to them and they instantly became family.

"They call us the 'kissy kissys'," she laughed, remembering the Israelis' reaction to demonstrations of physical affection.

The annual group visits are organized by Beit Halochem Canada, in co-operation with synagogues in Toronto, Ottawa and Montreal.

The hosting families and the vets share tours of Toronto, a trip to Niagara Falls, a day at a cottage by a lake, a baseball game, a show, barbecues, visits to Jewish schools, and lots of talking and joking around the dinner table.

"Shlomo was primarily Hebrew speaking, but somehow we understood each other. We kibitzed and joked . . . we didn't have any trouble communicating," Michael said.

"When we went to Israel two years later, he invited us to Friday night dinner with his wife and kids. We telephone him in Ramat Gan and write him letters. His son translates them and he writes back."

"We think of them as our family," said 10-year-old Daniel Sax. "We miss them. I'm waiting for the next visit. Mom, when is it?"

"Some of them didn't have an arm or a leg, but they're not really different from regular people. They're nice guys, they care. Sometimes adults ignore kids, but these guys didn't. When you talked to them, they really listened," said his 13-year-old brother David.

The attachment was so strong that three years later, Izhar's wife Tal and her baby came to David's bar mitzvah. Izhar, a Special Olympics gold medal winner in swimming, couldn't make it because he was competing in the Special Olympics in Barcelona.

Shaila Gottlieb, president of Beit Halochem Canada, hosted a disabled vet 10 years ago, and still remembers the intense feelings the visit ignited.

"When Moshe left, he took a part of us with him, he left a gaping hole. You don't become attached only to the individual, you become attached to the whole reality of Israel," Gottlieb said.

"And then you go to Israel and meet the wives and families of the vets. And even though you knew, intellectually, that Israeli mothers send their boys off to war, and we don't, it's different when you actually feel it," she said.

The visits by disabled vets also changed how the Sax family viewed people with physical handicaps.

"Your first impression is feeling sorry for them, but that's the exact opposite of what they want. They hate it if you feel sorry for them," said David.

"They were a kind of model, of how when you're down, you should get right back up," he said.

"Before, I may have been shy or afraid to talk to a disabled person. I didn't know if I would offend them," Michael admitted.

"But because of the candor of the Israeli vets, I feel I understand disabled people better now," he said.

Julia and Michael's involvement in Beit Halochem Canada has ballooned since Julia first viewed that video six years ago.

Both are on the board of directors. Michael is involved in planning and fundraising; Julia is chair of group visits.

"It's great because I get involved with every group that comes and I love it," she enthused.

Their involvement with Beit Halochem impelled the Sax family to go to Israel, where they visited the rehab centres and had joyful reunions with the vets they had met in Toronto.

"Beit Halochem is not a very well known organization in North America. But when you see these fellows, how Beit Halochem has affected their rehabilitation and is an important part of their lives, you realize how special it is and how lucky Israelis are to have that backup," Julia said.

"Thanks to Beit Halochem, Israel doesn't have a Vietnam veterans syndrome. Vets are not forgotten," Michael said.

"The Beit Halochem centres are not just rehabilitation facilities. For many disabled vets, it's the only place, in their mind, where they're comfortable, where they can gather for recreation with their families and friends," he explained.

That was true for Shai Schecter, chairman of the board of Beit Halochem Canada, who was wounded in the face and body by shell fire in Lebanon in 1982.

"I needed Beit Halochem for part of my rehabilitation. It was the only place I could feel comfortable, where I didn't have to confront the outside society," he said.

Of his injuries he said simply, "You don't ask for it, and you can't take it away.

"We belong to a very unique family. But this is one family that doesn't want to grow."

Schechter got involved with the Canadian group when he came to Canada in 1986.

One of the challenges of his work is to make the Jewish community more aware of the price of Israel's freedom.

"When I speak at high schools and ask students to estimate the number of Israel's disabled soldiers, they usually guess a few hundred. In fact, there are more than 40,000. I am always amazed that students are taught so little about the human cost of keeping Israel alive," he said.

The group visits which build bridges between Canadians and Israeli vets are a key project of Beit Holochem Canada.

There are currently three facilities in Israel, in Tel Aviv, Haifa and Nahariya. The Canadian branch of the organization has already purchased equipment for some of those centres, and is now raising funds for a fourth complex under construction in Jerusalem. It will serve about 4,500 disabled vets and their families who live in the area and study at the Hebrew University. It's projected cost is $17 million.

Beit Halochem Canada has undertaken to raise $2 million of that, to be spent on rehabilitation equipment.

This year's gala fundraising event, a concert featuring a trio of cantors and Israeli singer Ron Eliran, will take place on June 14 at Adath Israel Synagogue.

Alex Eisen, chair of fundraising, revealed that in the last year Beit Halochem Canada has succeeded in raising $1 million dollars, half its objective, and he's optimistic.

"People are very responsive and receptive. I was at a bat mitzvah recently and the girl donated $5,400 for a wheelchair.

"The defenders of the state of Israel deserve our support. We can't restore their limbs on their eyesight, but we can make them more mobile and more comfortable," Eisen said.

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Abella receives honor

MONTREAL — Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC) president Professor Irving Abella has been inducted into the Royal Society of Canada, the highest honor peers can bestow on a fellow academic.

Abella was honored for his pioneering work in the area of Canadian labor, immigration and Jewish history which have placed him amongst the most pre-eminent historians in the country. In particular he was cited for his research and vivid writing which have made several of his books on academic topics popular bestsellers.

On May 24, 1992 Abella became the 13th president in CJC's 74 year history as the national representative organization of the Jewish community of Canada. He is a professor of history at York University and is the author of six books including *None is Too Many: Canada and the Jews of Europe*, the bestselling account of Canada's poor record of admitting Jews during and after World War II.

Kingston, Toronto teens elected to BBYO positions

BUFFALO — Despite the current economic climate and following severe financial cutbacks in 1991, the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization (BBYO) of Lake Ontario region (LOR) has held its own in the past year. BBYO is an international organization, with representation across North America and in Europe.

LOR, which serves the communities of Toronto, Hamilton, Kingston, Ottawa, London, Guelph, Buffalo and Rochester, welcomed several new chapters and added a new regional convention, RSVP, to the programming year for a total of four regional conventions per year.

The BBYO regional office recently moved to the northern branch of the JCC and became affiliated with the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto.

Over 150 people attended LOR's three-day spring convention held in Buffalo. Highlights of the weekend included programs on teen self-image, self-defence and relaxation techniques.

Joel Marans of Kingston and Marion Traub-Werner of Toronto were elected regional presidents for AZA (Aleph Zadik Aleph) and BBG (B'nai Brith Girls) respectively.

"Without the continuing support of local communities across the region, we as a developing Jewish fraternity and sisterhood would have had even greater difficulties, both financially and spiritually," said Marans. The support of their parents and some B'nai Brith lodges "means a great deal to the youth," he added.

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World Jewry facing many challenges: panel

By RON CSILLAG

TORONTO — Never have Jews been so secure in the world as they are today, thanks largely to less anti-Semitism and the existence of Israel. Yet at the same time, Jews face unprecendented challenges.

That was the conclusion a panel examining the state of world Jewry seemed to reach here last week, in a gala evening presented by Aish HaTorah.

Some 1,500 people packed Shaarei Shomayim Congregation to hear Ignatz Bubis, head of Germany's Jewish community, U.S. Jewish leader Malcolm Hoenlein and Binyamin Begin, a member of the Knesset and son of the late Menachem Begin, examine how fares the world for Jews. The panel was moderated by Toronto lawyer Edward Greenspan.

In Germany, where five Turkish immigrants were killed recently in a neo-Nazi attack in the city of Solingen, the government could quash neo-Nazism in six months if it devoted the proper energy to the problem, said Bubis, president of the German Council of Jews.

Combatting growing neo-Nazism is a complex matter because making it a crime would require constitutional changes at the state and federal levels, he said.

Far-right activity exists everywhere in Europe but the world looks at Germany "with a special eye," Bubis stated.

Last year, he said, there were over 2,200 attacks on foreigners. So far this year, trends point to fewer incidents but that is no guarantee of diminishing neo-Nazi activity.

In all, Bubis said about 6,500 "young hooligans" and skinheads in 80 groups are responsible for neo-Nazi activity in Germany. But he stressed that does not include the activity of far-right political parties, which often couch neo-Nazism in respectable terms.

Today, there are roughly 40,000 Jews in Germany, 12,000 of whom have come from the former Soviet Union in the past three years.

"For most of the [German] population, the Jew is still a foreigner," Bubis said.

At the least, anti-Semitism does not seem to be increasing and "few" Jews are quitting Germany. Polls show that racist sentiment is twice as high in western Germany than in the former Communist east, he said.

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In a thunderous talk, Hoenlein, executive vice-president of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, said Jewish history today is at a "crossroads."

"The sad part is how little the world has changed. If the world tolerates concentration camps for Muslims [in Bosnia] then it will tolerate them for Jews as well."

The United States' unwillingness to intervene in Bosnia is "naive" in view of the world's inter-connected economy, Hoenlein said.

The most disturbing thing in the United States today is that 67 percent of voters have voiced a preference for Ross Perot even though the former presidential candidate has said nothing about foreign policy.

Although the Clinton administration is "favorable" to Jews, Jewish concerns and the Mideast peace process, Hoenlein said he's not sure how long that will last.

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Begin repeated his oft-stated view that Israel must not concede any territory in exchange for peace.

An Arab West Bank and Gaza Strip would quickly become terrorist bases for the PLO and Hamas, he warned.

Israel must be on guard against Arab states buying nuclear weapons and knowhow from the cash-starved former Soviet Union.

The Middle East has become "a gigantic dumping place" for conventional arms.

Many pundits, as Begin put it, predicted that the Gulf War would be a lesson to despots.

Instead, "President Bush is on pension, fishing, and Saddam Hussein is alive and kicking."

Territory is of vital importance for a country as small as Israel and its "relatively small army," Begin said. Modern warfare, he explained, means that sophisticated new Arab missiles would be able to disrupt the mobilization of Israel's reserve forces.

In the wake of the Gulf War, Syria received a "reward" from Saudi Arabia of $26 billion, which is being spent on Scud missiles, tanks and rockets, Begin said.

Faisal Husseini, a leading Palestinian delegate to the peace talks and said to be a moderate, recently told a group in Jordan that his goal is the dissolution of Israel, he added.

"The best way to prevent an Arab state is to settle all parts of Israel, including Judea, Samaria, the Golan and Gaza," Begin said to cheers.

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Just prior to the panel, Harvey Hecker handed the presidency of Aish HaTorah Toronto to philanthropist Joe Berman. The new vice-chair is Harold Nashman.

Hecker announced he will assume the presidency of Aish HaTorah International, which offers educational outreach programs to thousands of people around the world.

Sonshine takes over Hadassah-WIZO

By LEILA SPEISMAN

TORONTO — From a camp in Cyprus to president of one of the largest women's organizations in Toronto — that's quite a road for anyone to take. But Fran Sonshine, born in a British internment camp after her Holocaust survivor parents were turned back from landing in Israel, has made that trek.

On June 10, she will take office as president of Toronto Hadassah-WIZO, an organization of 4,000 members in 72 chapters, part of a national body boasting 17,000 members.

The vivacious and enthusiastic Sonshine told *The CJN* that, after spending her first five years in Israel, her family came to Toronto. She attended teacher's college, and taught at the North York Board of Education.

She and her husband Eddie, whom she married when he was "a young struggling lawyer, also the child of survivors," have three children, Jodi, 21; Daniel, 18; and Jonathan, 15.

Sonshine's involvement with Hadassah came about almost by accident. "My husband was busy a lot, and I was looking for something to do. Some friends suggested I join their young brides chapter. So I did."

She never looked back, either. Beginning at the chapter level (she belongs still to Adena-Hanesse chapter), she "did all the jobs," including bazaar chair, treasurer, and president.

"I found that I was able to do things I never thought I could. It helped me grow and develop in ways you might not get to any other way."

Also, she says, the members, many of whom remain in the chapter, become like a family.

In 1981 she went to the Toronto board level, and over the years held the positions of membership chair, recording secretary, youth aliyah chair, bazaar chair, treasurer and vice-president.

She also sits on the national board of directors and memberships committee, and has been chair of the national youth aliyah committee and the 1992 national Aviv (leadership) conference.

Fran Sonshine

Hadassah, like all charitable organizations, has to face the "new realities" as Sonshine calls it of the hard financial situation and of a changing membership.

It is a challenge, she said, to find new ways to accommodate those women balancing volunteer work with jobs and families.

An interesting phenomenon she has seen in her own chapter is the influx of new, older members, career women who have established themselves professionally, and whose children need them less.

"They are looking for support, for intellectual stimulation, a commitment to the Jewish community, and to Israel. We have to accommodate all the ages and stages of our members."

While she acknowledges that fundraising is difficult now, she insists you have to maintain a positive outlook.

It is important, she feels, to strengthen the chapters, which, she says, have always been the mainstay of Hadassah.

"We must give them the tools to remain strong — ideas, leadership skills, workshops."

While the annual Hadassah bazaar, the proceeds of which provide medical services in Israel, is probably one of the best-known projects of Toronto Hadassah-WIZO "the [fundraising] calendar is packed."

Other projects include Youth Aliya ("it began by rescuing children from Hitler — now it just rescues, from war, or from problems in their own homes"); Hadassim children and youth village; day care centres and schools; the special education work of world-acclaimed Dr. Reuven Feuerstein.

Toronto Hadassah has become involved in supporting a radiation treatment system at Hadassah Hospital, which will be able to hone in on cancer cells without destroying surrounding cells.

Sonshine is excited about this year's Canadian Hadassah-WIZO convention, which will be held in Israel, to mark its 75th anniversary.

As mothers and wives, women often don't get a genuine feeling of achievement, Sonshine says. In Hadassah, "you get recognition and support from your peers, you are made to stretch yourself... you realize that you are a strong individual."

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Israel's facilities for disabled help them fit into society

By MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON — Israel's facilities for the disabled "can be seen as a beacon in terms of what can be done for disabled people," says a Waterloo University sociology professor.

Indeed, as Mark Nagler discovered during a recent visit to Israel, disabled people there are "much more part of the mainstream" than they are in Canada.

Afflicted with what he once termed "a slight case of cerebral palsy," Nagler made headlines in 1985 when he won the right to claim secretarial expenses as a tax deduction because, he argued, he'd be unable to function as a university lecturer without an assistant to do his typing for him.

He is past president of the Advocacy Association for the Handicapped (a similar organization in Israel is the Roof Association of Organizations of People with Disabilities, whose purpose is to achieve "legitimate integration in all phases of Israeli society for disabled people"), a regular contributor to CBC Radio Noon on disability related issues, and is working on the second edition of his Perspectives on Disabilities, which will be published later this year by Health Market Research of Palo Alto, Calif.

In Jerusalem, Nagler visited Lifeline, a centre catering to some 250 elderly and handicapped people ranging in age from 50 to well into their 90s.

Here they spend five mornings a week, working at book binding, silk screen painting, wood work, needle crafts, weaving, metal work and ceramics. And "on the premise that no one is too old to learn," many are also taught new skills.

They receive "one regular meal per day plus a snack," subsidized transportation if necessary, medical and dental care and it's also "a place to socialize."

The advantage of Lifeline, Nagler told *The CJN* during a recent interview, "is that it brings together people five days a week. This helps them maintain their self esteem, their level of awareness, and to establish social relationships."

In Tel Aviv, Nagler saw "a wonderful" social centre for disabled children that has "every facility one can imagine" and is "equipped for any sport that can possibly be played by the disabled."

There are tennis and basket ball courts, blind ball equipment and weight rooms, as well as indoor and outdoor pools, where Nagler was fascinated to watch wheelchair-confined children wheel themselves to a lift at the edge of the pool and get in and out of the water unaided.

"This fosters independence and gives them a sense of accomplishment."

Also, added Nagler, the centre is a place "where not only disabled children but also their families can interact, a place that provides social support."

A similar centre is to open in Jerusalem and two or three more are planned for other centres.

Then there is the Loewenstein Rehabilitation Hospital in Ranaa, "a leader in developing all types of equipment and services for the disabled."

Here, Nagler was particularly impressed with "electrical stimulators to assist paraplegics to walk with the aid of a walker, freeing them from the use of a wheelchair.

"The stimulator is so sophisticated," he said, "that the user actually bends the knee in a normal walking fashion."

Nagler also saw a centre for disabled veterans, which not only provides every available type of equipment, but also educational stipends and housing and pension benefits.

The military, he said, "have carte blanche." If you are disabled while serving in the military forces, "you can't get any better treatment anywhere. Whatever facilities and treatment are available, you'll be provided with it."

But the place that perhaps impressed Nagler the most is the new Children's Medical Center of Israel in Petakh Tikvah.

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"Open to all children in the Middle East," the hospital is seen as "a humanitarian bridge to peace," and already, reports Nagler, children come from Jordan, Egypt and as far away as Turkey and Cyprus. And as one doctor told him, "children from all Arab countries will be welcome."

Decision reserved in Finta case

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO — The Supreme Court of Canada has reserved judgment in the landmark Imre Finta war crimes case. At stake could be the future of war crimes prosecutions as the High Court was asked last week by defence lawyer Doug Christie to overturn the war crimes legislation as unconstitutional. The court also heard legal arguments from Crown attorney Christopher Amerasinghe that called on it to order a new trial for Finta, a former Hungarian gendarmerie captain charged with eight counts of war crimes and crimes against humanity.

Several Jewish organizations, which had gained intervener status, argued for the validity of the law.

The war crimes legislation does not create new law, said Ed Morgan, the lawyer representing Canadian Jewish Congress, and David Matas, lawyer for the League for Human Rights of B'nai Brith Canada. It merely gives Canadian courts jurisdiction over the crimes in question, they said.

Furthermore, it was unnecessary for the Crown prosecutor to prove Finta knew the actions he was taking amounted to war crimes or crimes against humanity, Morgan said. The "international element" — whether the events went beyond ordinary crimes and became war crimes — should be determined by the judge. The jury's task should be to determine whether Finta committed the criminal acts and whether he had the intent to commit them.

Finta was charged with robbery, forcible confinement, kidnapping and manslaughter in connection with the June 1944 roundup of 8,617 Jews in the south Hungarian city of Szeged. The Crown alleges Finta was in command of the brickyard where they were kept, that he robbed them of their valuables on pain of death and that he loaded them onto boxcars where some died because of the crowded and unsanitary conditions.

A 12-person jury acquitted Finta of all counts and the Ontario Court of Appeal, in a split decision in April 1992, upheld the acquittal.

The Crown had appealed on several points of law, arguing that Christie's address to the jury was inflammatory and threatened the jury, that trial judge Archie Campbell did not adequately correct the address, that the trial judge erred in his interpretation of the law and that he erred in allowing the jury to hear inadmissible evidence that prejudiced the Crown's right to a fair trial.

Christie cross-appealed, arguing the war crimes legislation was overly vague, was unconstitutional and created crimes when none existed at the time.

Other interveners included the Canadian Holocaust Remembrance Association (CHRA) and InterAmicus, an international human rights group.

The interveners were given 15 minutes in which to present oral arguments to supplement their written submissions.

Sabina Citron, co-founder of the CHRA said from Toronto that "huge and horrendous mistakes were made at the trial." She pointed to the judge's ruling against the admissibility of certain documents that would have helped the Crown's case.

League attorney Marvin Kurz said his co-counsel Matas argued that the prosecution did not have to prove Finta knew what he was doing amounted to a war crime or was inhumane. The "mental element" or "guilty mind" in the case of alleged war crimes is the same as it is for domestic crimes, he said.

In his arguments, Amerasinghe said the court's decision could have an impact on other war crimes prosecutions. (To date, four people have been charged with war crimes, but Finta is the only one to have been tried.)

Amerasinghe argued that Campbell erred on several points, necessitating a new trial. Campbell allowed into evidence postwar written statements from a deceased individual that aided Finta's case. Those statements should have been inadmissible, Amerasinghe argued.

Campbell "destroyed the evidence by the crown witnesses with regard to identity," *The Toronto Star* quotes Amerasinghe as saying. "It was not his function to weigh the evidence, test its quality and reliability and to draw inferences of fact from it. In doing so, he usurped the function of the jury."

In his argument, Christie suggested that Finta could not be found guilty if he was executing the existing law of the land. What Finta did was no different than what Canadian officials did to Japanese-Canadians during World War II, he said.

Finta was merely following lawful orders in a time of war against people considered by Hungary and its ally Germany as their enemies, he argued.

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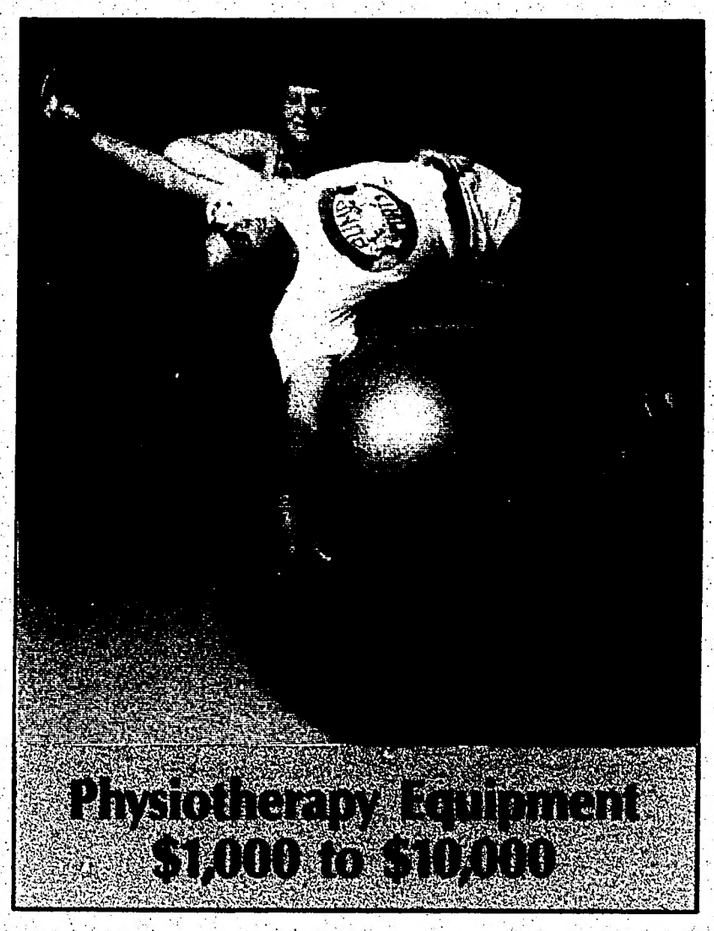

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Bombing of Iraqi reactor paid off during Gulf War

By LEORA FRUCHT

TEL AVIV — The bombing of the Iraqi nuclear reactor on June 7, 1981 enabled Israel to maintain a policy of restraint towards Iraq during the 1990 Gulf War, according to Major General (res.) David Ivri, Director General of Israel's Defence Ministry. "If we had not attacked the reactor, we would have been under much greater pressure to respond to Iraqi Scud attacks," said Ivri, who was speaking at a Tel Aviv University forum marking the 12th anniversary of the bombing of the Osirak reactor.

The attack, carried out at dusk by eight Israeli-flown F-16 bombers, destroyed the nuclear reactor within two minutes. Israeli intelligence estimated that the reactor would have been functioning by July or September of 1981.

"By that time, bombing the reactor would have been impossible without causing radioactive fallout," said Ivri.

Yitzhak Shamir, who was foreign minister at the time of the bombing, recalled his efforts to persuade France to halt the Iraqi program, which relied on French and Italian materials and technical expertise. "Both France and Italy responded to my appeals with apathy," said Shamir. "Even though the Americans confirmed our intelligence reports on Iraqi developments, they too were unable to influence France and Italy," he said. In debating whether to carry out the operation, the government took into account the anticipated backlash by the international community.

"Better to have condemnation and no reactor than a reactor and no condemnation," said Shamir. (The United Nations condemned the attack, and the United States delayed the scheduled delivery of fighter planes to Israel.)

"During the Scud attacks we were reminded of how different the situation would have been for the whole world if Iraq had had a nuclear bomb," said Shamir. "The fact that it didn't have this capability is due to Israel's action."

Shlomo Nakdimon, author of a book on the operation and former spokesman for then Prime Minister Menachem Begin, accused both Israel and the West of ignoring the continuing Iraqi nuclear threat in the aftermath of the bombing. He agreed that the Iraqis had embarked on a parallel nuclear program, probably in anticipation of a possible attack on the Osirak facility.

"Two days after the destruction of the reactor, a large team of Iraqi scientists left for Europe to begin a course in nuclear studies," said Nakdimon, citing Israeli intelligence reports. "Iraq had enough uranium to produce two bombs by the late eighties," he said. "The invasion of Kuwait was a miracle." Nakdimon noted that a 1992 United Nations map had uncovered 19 nuclear sites in Iraq in the course of the Gulf War. "Eleven years earlier there was only one nuclear site there," he said.

In assessing the chances of a nuclear war in the Middle East in the future, Deputy Defence Minister Mordechai Gur said that Israel's nuclear deterrant capability makes this scenario unlikely.

"Any Arab country that might contemplate a nuclear attack against Israel operates under the assumption that Israel has such a capability," said Gur. "We can ensure that such an attack doesn't pay — that the price is much greater than the gain," he said. "Given that, I think that the chances of a nuclear war in the Middle East are very small."

Dr. Shai Feldman, of Tel Aviv University's Jaffee Center for Strategic Studies, argued that Israel must maintain its nuclear edge and should continue to refuse to sign the nuclear non-proliferation treaty.

Citing the example of North Korea, Feldman criticized the value of the treaty, which he said "enables countries to develop nuclear capability under the protection of the accord and then withdraw from the agreement."

Instead Israel should push for a nuclear freeze in the Middle East, he maintained. But inspections should be carried out by the parties themselves and not by international bodies, said Feldman, adding that such an arrangement would be feasible only if accompanied by peace treaties with the various parties.

Feldman argued that the United States is unlikely to demand that Israel dismantle its "strategic assets."

Shamir cancels visit

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO — Former Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir has cancelled a 10-day visit to Canada that was to have included a keynote address at the Jewish National Fund's Negev Dinner in Winnipeg.

Also affected by the cancellation are community speaking engagements in Toronto, Vancouver and Montreal.

Morris Zilka, executive vice-president of JNF, said he spoke with the 78-year-old former Prime Minister last week and was told "a few things have come up and he can't make it."

Zilka said alternate arrangements are being pursued for the Negev Dinner. Under consideration are a satellite linkup with Shamir, enabling him to present his address from Israel. Also being considered is an alternate speaker.

The Negev Dinner is one of the JNF's main annual fundraising events. Last year, 1,600 attended the Winnipeg dinner to hear former Foreign Minister Abba Eban deliver the keynote speech. Two thousand are expected at this year's event.

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WALLACH

I receive many interesting letters from readers. I feel impelled to share a letter from Nechemia Knobel, of Toronto, which was inspired by my write-up of the name Wallach.

As a young man in Lodz, Poland, in the early 1930s, he engaged in conversation with a middle-aged Jew with a trimmed black beard tinged with gray. He identified himself as Wallach verified by his passport, and by a photograph of his son who was Maxim Litvinoff, the representative of the Soviet Union to the League of Nations.

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Jeff Budd of Kitchener, Ont., and Jodi Litwack of Toronto celebrate Yom Yerushalayim in Israel.

University students return from mission to Poland

By DEE KRAMER

TORONTO — Forty-three university students from 18 communities across Canada have completed a trip of a lifetime. They spent four days in Poland where they visited Warsaw on the 50th anniversary of the ghetto uprising, shared the pain felt by a survivor of the death camps as she laid to rest some of her past, and confronted anti-Semitism. And they spent nine days in Israel reaffirming life and continuity.

The student program was called Anguish to Hope. It was initiated by Wendy Eisen, co-chair of the CJC's education and continuity committee, and was sponsored by the Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC), United Israel Appeal of Canada, and local Jewish federations.

Jeff Budd, 23, a poitical science graduate from York University, found the trip so profound that he plans on returning to Israel to volunteer on renewal projects. "Poland brought home how nearly the Jews were destroyed. Seeing the emptiness of the Jewish quarter . . . reinforced that I have to do something for the State of Israel — to get my hands dirty."

Having Anna Heilman, a survivor of the Majdanek and Auschwitz death camps, with them in Poland was very special for the students. They felt the camp guides gave them the royal treatment because of her. She also made the experience personal for them. "As soon as she was asked, she would volunteer information," says Jodi Litwack (one of the group leaders, and Wendy Eisen's daughter). "But she would also pause and ask us if [what she was telling us] was too much for us. She would ask us if we were OK before she would continue."

Heilman's sister, Esther, was one of four women executed in Auschwitz in January 1945 for smuggling gunpowder to the camp's underground resistance who used it to blow up one of the crematoria. This was Heilman's first trip back to Poland since 1945 when the Germans evacuated Auschwitz and took the inmates on their infamous death march.

Visiting Majdanek with the students was also special for Heilman. "I talk when the students ask me ... their questions probing, sensitive, bring back memories and associations not represented but deeply buried . . . until we come to the collective grave of the ashes, a round mound of ashes that were carefully scooped to rest in one place under a protective dome of gray stone that looks like a kippa on the reassuring head of a father.

"A student asks me, 'How do you feel?' What I felt there was relief. I have found my parents grave. Finally, I can say a brachah over them."

The Polish leg of the trip was not just an experience of history. It left the group members with a multitude of impressions and experiences. Some very disturbing.

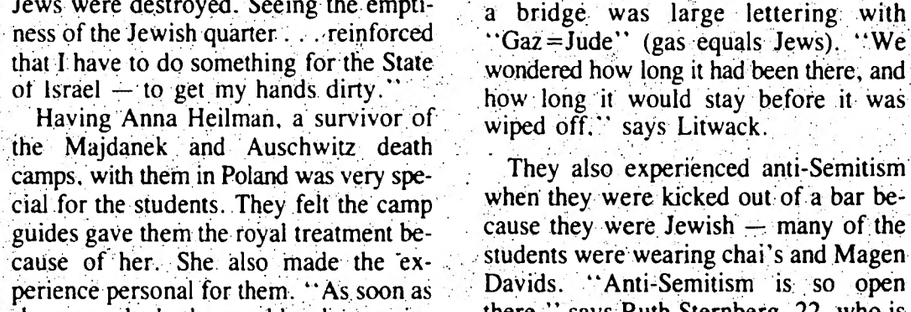
On their walks around the old Jewish quarter of Krakow, they saw the ghostly remains of what had been a large, vibrant Jewish society. There were stains on door posts where mezuzahs had been. Shuls and synagogues were now museums and office buildings. "There was no sign of any Jews except in the cemetery," says Budd. "It was as if Jews were like [extinct] dinosaurs."

There was anti-Semitic graffiti. Under a bridge was large lettering with "Gaz=Jude" (gas equals Jews). "We wondered how long it had been there, and how long it would stay before it was wiped off," says Litwack.

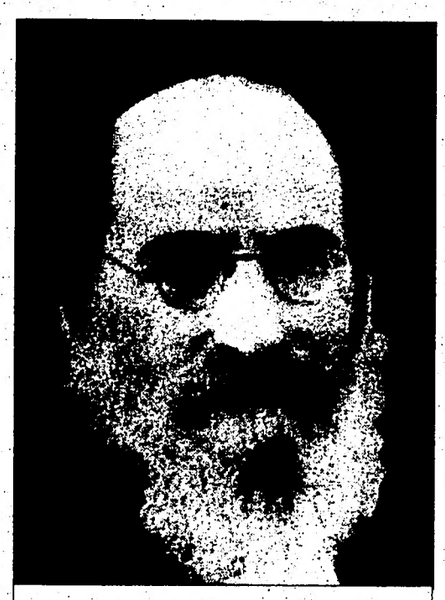
They also experienced anti-Semitism when they were kicked out of a bar because they were Jewish — many of the students were wearing chai's and Magen Davids. "Anti-Semitism is so open there," says Ruth Sternberg, 22, who is studying geography at Ryerson Polytechnic. "It was an eye-opener to experience it. It was shocking."

One of the goals of the program was to give the group the opportunity to talk to Polish students. These were not run-of-the-mill students. They were non-Jews studying Hebrew and Jewish studies at a post-graduate level.

The juxtaposition of Poland to Israel has made Israel infinitely more important to the students. "I don't even know how to express how it felt to [arrive in Israel]," says Budd. "You're on the plane leaving Poland, and then you are 'Home.' I ran off the plane. It was incredible. I jumped onto the ground. I was just so happy to be there; to be among my people, my place, my home. I will be changed forever from this trip."



Jeff Budd of Kitchener, Ont., (far left), Debra Karby of Vancouver, (far right), Anat Ovics of Edmonton, (centre right) and Yossi Tanuri, Israeli Madrich (centre left), tour an abandoned Syrian Bunker on the Golan Heights.



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B.C. sees dramatic increase in Jewish/religious population

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• In Montreal, the numbers on religion were hailed as good news for a community long painted as bleeding, reports *The CJN*'s Janice Arnold.

Montreal saw a 4.6 drop in its Jewish/religious population, from 101,000 in 1981 to over 96,000 ten years later. The net loss of roughly 5,000 is "fairly reasonable," commented Charles Shahar of Federation CJA, adding it's apparent the community is no longer "hemorrhaging" as it did in the late 1970s.

• British Columbia saw a dramatic 13 percent increase in its Jewish/religious population, from 14,500 to 16,500, with Vancouver seeing an 11 percent rise, to 14,000.

What's different about Vancouver is that it has a large ethnic Jewish population — over 21,000. That seems to mirror a trend that the further West one goes, the more likely Jews are to identify ethnically rather than religiously.

The phenomenon is born out in a demographic study by Jean Garber of the Jewish Federation of Greater Vancouver, who found that the "overwhelming majority" of Montreal and Toronto Jews have a single ethnic origin — Jewish. (In Toronto, for example, 114,000 people declared a single ethnicity — Jewish, and just 41,000 listed Jewish as part of a multiple ethnic background).

By contrast, the study found that half of Vancouver's ethnic Jews have more than one ethnic identity, revealing a greater degree of assimilation there.

• Manitoba saw a 13 percent decline in its Jewish/religious population, to 13,000 from 15,000 a decade before. But Evelyn Kates, who's studying the numbers for the Winnipeg Jewish Community Council, says she is also waiting for the StatsCan/Torczyner study before making any definitive statements.

However, Kates said the Jewish numbers reflect a general move by Canadians away from religious practice. Indeed, the census revealed that Canadians are becoming increasingly secularized: In 1991, 13 percent of the population reported no religious affiliation, a whopping 90 percent increase over 1981.

• In Alberta, the number of Jews by religion dropped by six percent, to nearly 10,000 compared to over 15,000 who said they were ethnically Jewish. The figure for Calgary shows 5,400 Jews by religion but Riki Heilik of the city's Jewish Community Council feels the number is closer to 6,000.

Atlantic figures steady

• Cumulatively, the figures show that Atlantic Canada's Jewish/religious population has remained more or less steady, save for Newfoundland's.

Jon Goldberg of the Atlantic Jewish Council says the Maritimes' Jewish population has traditionally been transitory, with young people from small communities moving to cities like Halifax and Moncton but young Jews from those cities going to Toronto and Vancouver.

Goldberg says the census does not reflect the fact that there are over 100 Russian Jews in Newfoundland today because the tally was conducted before their arrival.

Indeed, immigration was a significant factor in the Jewish numbers. According to StatsCan, 2.4 percent of immigrants to Canada are Jews. Of all people born in Canada, just .9 percent are Jews.

Reflecting the general population, Jewish women outnumbered Jewish men, 51 to 49 percent.

The average age of Jews was 38.5 in 1991, compared to 37 a decade before. Jews tied with Presbyterians for having the highest percentage of senior citizens in Canada, confirming what's been known in the Jewish community for a long time.

But for University of Toronto sociologist Brym, the real story lies in the ethnicity question.

Brym has calculated that in the mid-decade mini-census of 1986, 97,000 Jews listed Jewish as part of a multiple ethnic heritage. By 1991, that figure zoomed to 111,000, a 14 percent increase.

To Brym, that reveals a rising degree of assimilation among Jews.

In the 1981 census, 3.2 percent of ethnic Jews listed no religion and 2.9 percent of Jews by ethnicity listed another religion.

Therein lies the bombshell Brym drops. He feels both those figures may rise to as high as five or six percent, revealing much greater secularization among Jews and even rising apostasy.

If he's right, communities across the country will in effect lose people, or will have to retool their outreach to the unaffiliated and increase education about intermarriage.

StatsCan will share all the figures on ethnicity and religion with the Council of Jewish Federations, Canada, which plans to create a central data bank on social trends in the community.

There is "no relationship whatsoever" between the statistics and how the federal government allocates funds to ethno/cultural groups, said Neil Drabkin, an aide to Multiculturalism Minister Gerry Weiner.

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By SHELDON KIRSHNER

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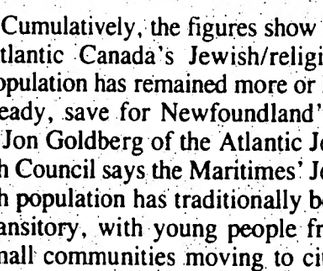

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Hacohen said that Migal is developing new crops and improving existing ones with respect to yield, quality and shelf life. It also administers research and development projects financed by the Ministry of Agriculture and the Jewish Agency.

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With this in mind, Migal has designed special courses to convert Soviet immigrant doctors into biology and chemistry teachers.

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War crimes prosecutions urged

OTTAWA — A Canadian Jewish Congress delegation told federal Justice Minister Pierre Blais recently that the Jewish community is becoming increasingly impatient with the slow pace of war crimes prosecutions.

Congress president Irving Abella called on the government to commence further proceedings via the denaturalizaton route, stripping alleged war criminals of their citizenship and deporting them.

The unit's director, Peter Kremer, has said the department has set March 31, 1994 as a target date for bringing forward its cases.

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Back-seaters to buckle up

TEL AVIV — Israel, a country plagued with one of the worst road accident rates in the world, has made it mandatory for back-seat passengers to don seat belts in all automobiles manufactured from 1987 on.

The regulation, in effect from June 1, affects all passengers whether in private vehicles or taxis.

Israeli drivers of cars carrying unbelted passengers in the rear seats are now liable for a fine of 190 shekels, about $78.

The use of seat belts by drivers and front-seat passengers has been mandatory for some years. The extension to back-seat riders follows comprehensive research showing that buckling-up in all seats greatly reduces the chance of injuries in the event of crashes.

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Israel accepted on UN committee

UNITED NATIONS — In another milestone in Israel's slow road toward a normal role in the United Nations, Israel has for the first time been accepted as a member of one of the world body's committees.

The United Nations Committee on Information decided, without a formal vote, to accept Israel's application for membership.

That approval requires confirmation from the General Assembly, which is expected when that body reconvenes in the fall.

The information committee oversees the world body's publicity offices and 18 information centres worldwide.

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Syrian claim 'spurious'

TORONTO — Judy Feld Carr, chair of the National Task Force for Syrian Jews, has dismissed as "spurious" a recent claim by Syria that Jews have elected to remain in the country because of hardships experienced by those who have left.

The official Syrian newspaper *Tishreen* reported that there has been no change in Syria's travel policy for Jews. It said Jews have not left the country since last year because they have chosen to stay, and that's due to "hardships" reported by Syrian Jewish emigres in Canada, the U.S. and Venezuela.

The allegations as far as Canada is concerned are "ridiculous," said Carr. There are youths who are "happily settled" here, attending school, she added.

Syria's abruptly stopped issuing exit visas to Jews last October, after more than 2,600 left. Damascus insists there is no change in policy.

Canada's ambassador to Syria recently raised the issue in meetings with officials in Damascus.

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More children in poverty

JERUSALEM — There were 40 percent more children living beneath the poverty line in 1992 than the year before, the National Council for the Child (NCC) has reported.

In 1992, 114,000 children from families whose only income was National Insurance benefits were recorded, against 79,611 in 1991 and 79,389 in 1990, according to NCC director Dr. Yitzhak Kadman.

Some 26,000 of these children are from immigrant families, said Kadman. Around 25 percent of immigrant children are in families living solely off National Insurance benefits, compared to 7 percent in other sectors of the population.

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Night vision for Cobra

JERUSALEM — Israel's Aircraft Industries (IAI) has unveiled the first night vision system for the U.S.-built Cobra attack helicopters.

The system will enable the craft to fire missiles at night with daytime accuracy, an IAI spokesman said.

The development of the Night Targeting System (NTS) was a joint effort of the IAF and the U.S. Marine Corps, in which $150 million has been invested since 1988.

The electro-optic system that has been installed on Cobra helicopters is "a great success which, from an operational point of view, is only the beginning," Brig.-Gen. Amnon Harari, head of the Air Force procurement division, said at the unveiling ceremony in Yehud.

He said that by using the new system, the air force will be able to exploit the Cobra's true potential.

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Olim, needy get break

JERUSALEM — The Housing Ministry will begin leasing apartments to olim and the needy at especially low rents within the next few weeks.

Some 8,000 government-owned apartments have been allocated for this purpose, following a Cabinet decision a few months ago.

Housing Ministry Binyamin Ben-Eliezer met with Absorption Minister Yair Tsaban to determine the criteria by which new immigrants and the needy, including single-parent families and senior citizens, would qualify for the apartments.

Ben-Eliezer noted that his ministry has "already sold more than 14,000 housing units [that private contractors were unable to sell]. This contradicts all the pessimists who predicted that we would not sell more than 2,000-3,000."

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Pepsi - Uh, uh

JERUSALEM — The Eda Haredit ultra-Orthodox authority withdrew its kashrut certificate from Pepsi Cola because of "immodest advertisements" and the soft-drink company's sponsorship of the recent Guns 'n' Roses concert.

An official at the Eda Haredit's kashrut supervisory body, who said the organization does not speak to the press, would not deny the report.

Reuven Avital, the local manager for Pepsi, said he has not heard the kashrut certification has been removed. But, he admitted, "our relationship with the Eda Haredit has been marked by ups and downs."

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RCMP Investigation

OTTAWA — The RCMP's War Crimes and Special Investigations Section is seeking witnesses to executions in Ukraine during World War II.

Investigations are underway into executions which took place in or near the town of Selidovo in the Donetsk Oblast, Ukraine, from October 1941 to September 1943. Local police were involved.

Those who have direct knowledge of these activities, or can assist in locating anyone who does, should contact the RCMP by telephoning collect to (613) 990-8481, or writing The Commanding Officer, 'A' Division, Royal Canadian Mounted Police, 400 Cooper St., Ottawa, K1A 0R4. All contacts and information received will be treated as confidential.

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Holocaust survivors sought

NEW YORK — The Anti-Defamation League (ADL) has announced that it is looking for Holocaust survivors who were rescued by Christians to attend a landmark conference in Poland. Sponsored by the Jewish Foundation for Christian Rescuers (JFCR)/ADL, it will take place in Warsaw from Monday, July 5 to Wednesday, July 7, and would also be of interest to theological, academicians or others who study the dynamics of moral courage or altruism.

For information on costs and registration, contact Stanlee Stahl, director of JFCR/ADL, 823 United Nations Plaza, New York, NY 10017. Telephone: (212) 490-2525, ext. 429.

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Cast faces anti-Semitism

LOS ANGELES — The cast and crew of *Schindler's List*, the Steven Speilberg film about the German businessman who saved more than a thousand Jews in Poland during the Holocaust, have been shocked by the overt anti-Semitism they have encountered while on location in Krakow.

In an article in the *Los Angeles Times*, journalist David Gritten reports that one of the cast's Israeli actors was approached at a hotel bar by an elderly Polish man and asked if he was Jewish.

When answered yes, the old man insultingly drew his finger across his throat, then pulled his fist up behind his neck to indicate a noose.

British actor Ben Kingsley, who stood nearby, leaped at the man, and a scuffle ensued.

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Family Matters

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The concept of custody has begun to lose its meaning. Traditionally, the custodial partner had sole rights to direct a child's general welfare and residence. Today, the parent who enjoys access has begun to develop significantly greater rights than a short time ago. In matters of religion, the access parent once could have been forbidden from instructing his child if his faith was different from the custodial parent's. In appeal cases decided in Ontario, Quebec and British Columbia, the access parent now enjoys equal rights to guiding his child's religious upbringing, even if his practices vary from the custodial parent's wishes or faith. If a custodial parent wishes to reside elsewhere, it used to be that she could do so, subject to unusual circumstances. Now, the courts look to the child's "best interests" and scrutinize each request to move on an individual basis. In many situations, the relationship between the access parent and the child has been so strong that the courts have refused permission for the custodial parent to move, even if she had a job or possible marital prospects elsewhere. In matters of education, courts listen more sympathetically to the access parent's concerns or wishes. In many jurisdictions, they have the right to access their child's education records on request.

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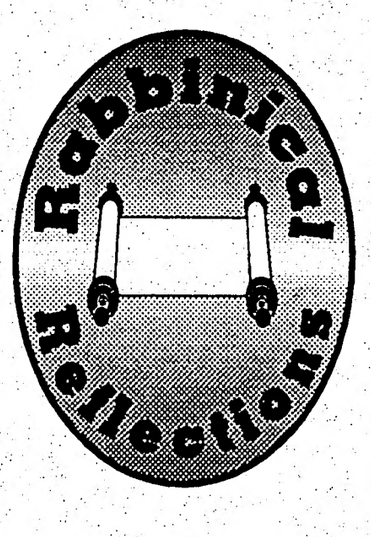

By RABBI LAWRENCE PERLMAN

While I was studying this week's Torah portion I was overwhelmed by one theme that seems to take up most of its attention. I have never read so many complaints in one place.

It seems that nothing is good enough for the Israelites. Nothing that Moses does and nothing that God does satisfies them. First the spies return from their travels and tell of all the dangers that await the people in the land of Israel. Then the entire community breaks out into "loud cries." Two of the spies, Joshua and Caleb, step forward to try to quell the complaining and they are almost stoned to death. And then, most disturbing of all, God utters words that are bitter by any standard.

God asks Moses, "How long will this people spurn Me, and how long will they have no faith in Me despite all the signs that I have performed in their midst?"

Imagine, it sounds as if God is down in the dumps. He sounds depressed, dejected and hopeless. The effect of all of Israel's complaints even takes its toll on God. And what does God do in his moment of despair? His anger is provoked and He says, "I will strike them with pestilence and disown them."

Into the breach jumps Moses. Almost as a psychologist to God, Moses tries to provoke God's patience instead of his anger. And the rabbis of the Midrash pick up this theme and imagine a conversation taking place between God and Moses that goes like this:

Says Moses, "Sovereign of the Universe! Look to your covenant with their ancestors, to whom You have sworn that You would rear up kings, prophets and priests from them." "But," replies the Holy One, blessed be He, "are you not one of their children?"

When Moses sees that matters are like this, he takes a different course. And Moses says to the Lord: "When the Egyptians shall hear...they will say to the inhabitants of this land, they will say: 'He had no means of maintaining them!' " Says He to him: "But have they not seen the miracles and the mighty deeds that I wrought for them by the sea?" Moses replies: "They will say, 'He could stand against us, but He could not stand against the 31 kings.'

"Sovereign of all the worlds! Do it for Your own sake; and now, I pray you, let the power of the Lord be great, and let your attribute of mercy conquer your attribute of justice, according as you have spoken. I asked You 'with what attribute do You judge Your world?' Show me now Your ways!

"And you have removed from me the attribute of justice; as it says, And the Lord passed by before him, and proclaimed: The Lord...merciful, etc. That attribute, then, of which You spoke to me, is still potent. Lord, Lord, God, merciful and gracious, pardon I pray You."

The Holy One, blessed be He, accepted his words and acknowledged their justice. And the Lord said "I have pardoned according to your word."

If only we understood how destructive and disconcerting our complaining is. So much of what we utter is said without mercy and love. We often think we are making constructive suggestions, but the truth is we often speak up due to our own anger, frustration and pain.

Imagine, if complaints wear thin even on God, what they do to us. How much better would we all be if we practised mercy.

(Rabbi Perlman is the spiritual leader of Shaare Zion Congregation in Montreal).

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Israel arrests 120 terrorists

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Israeli security officials have announced the arrest of 120 suspected Islamic fundamentalist militants, including a Jerusalem gang responsible for the murder of several Israeli police officers and civilians.

The government said Sunday that the captured gang of four men in eastern Jerusalem had confessed to the kidnapping and killing of a policeman last December that prompted the deportation of 415 fundamentalist activists to Lebanon.

According to Israeli officials, the four arrested Palestinians became linked to the armed wing of the Islamic fundamentalist Hamas group, only after the kidnapping and murder of Sgt. Maj. Nissim Toledano in December.

The Jerusalem gang also admitted it had murdered two traffic police officers who were sleeping in their patrol car in Israel proper on March 30. And they confessed to running down and killing two Israeli settlers standing on the side of a road in the West Bank on March 15.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin said the arrests were a big blow to Hamas.

Rabin, who also serves as defence minister, once again defended the government's controversial expulsion of the Hamas activists last December, a move that was condemned by the U.N. Security Council.

Network cracked

Rabin congratulated the Shin Bet, Israel's domestic security agency, for its success in cracking the network. The capture and interrogation of the suspects is expected to aid intelligence efforts in penetrating the remaining operations of Hamas cells and other extremist Palestinian groups.

But Rabin and Lt. Gen. Ehud Barak, the Israel Defence Force chief of staff, warned against complacency, saying the threat of terrorism continues and the fight against it will remain constant.

"Even tonight armed terrorists can carry out terror acts despite this successful operation," said Barak.

Police Minister Moshe Shahal said the operation dealt "a severe and damaging blow" to Hamas, but that the territories had not been cleared of Hamas activists and the hunt was on for others.

According to Rabin, the eastern Jerusalem gang was able to use Israeli identity cards and Israeli licence plates to help it carry out its crimes.

The arrested men are also suspected of being involved in a number of car bombings, including one in the West Bank that killed the bomber and a Palestinian worker at the gas station where it exploded.

The car bomb went off next to two buses used to carry Israeli soldiers, but the soldiers were not inside at the time.

The arrested men are also suspected of having planned a number of thwarted car bombings in major urban centers.

Rabin, Barak and other security officials said the arrested men confirmed that the army's move to close off the West Bank and Gaza Strip more than two months ago had made it more difficult for them to carry out their operations.

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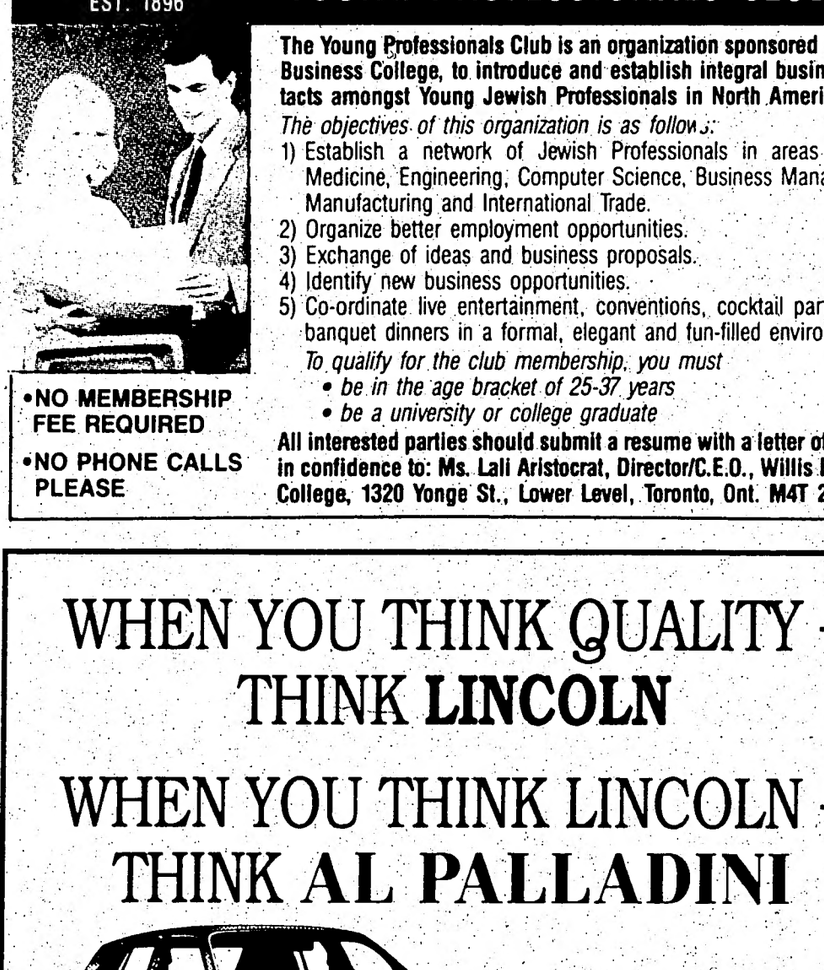

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Leah Rabin's life steeped in history and politics

By NETTY C. GROSS

Leah Rabin has had a special promontory from which to view the birth and growth of a nation.

Her lifelong proximity to the centre of power has also inexorably bound her private life to public events. When, during an interview, Leah Rabin sits in the stately living room of the Israeli Prime Minister's residence and recounts a personal story, it has historic strands seamlessly woven into it.

She met Yitzhak Rabin when "I was in high school and he was already in the Palmah [the striking arm of the pre-State Hagana, the precursor of Israel's army]. We all adored the Palmah boys. They were so... enigmatic." They married during "the second cease-fire of the War of Independence, August 1948."

But if Leah Rabin's life is steeped in history and shaped by politics, she gives no sign of having been burdened by either. She is a cultured Tel Avivian, an up-beat person, someone who enjoys doing things like setting a dinner table or hosting 50 friends for a recent 65th birthday party.

Rabin is a passionate reader with literary tastes that run the gamut from American-Chinese novelist Amy Tan to Israeli historian Shabtai Tevet. She is also a movie aficionado ("*Scent of a Woman* was very good"); theatre-goer ("*Gesher*, the Russian immigrant troupe, is the best theatre in Israel today"); art-loving gallery hopper (a watercolor by an artist-friend and a piece of Meissen porcelain were among the best birthday presents she received), and a regular person who "loves shopping at The Gap. For my granddaughter, Noa. And myself. Great knits. Terrific stores. So organized."

Her husband's prime-ministerial encore, this second shot at revising her and her husband's political epitaphs, is singularly gratifying. The significance of the Second Chance is never lost on her.

Born Leah Schlossberg in Koeningsberg, Germany (today Kaliningrad, Russia), she was the younger of two daughters of secular Zionists. Her father, a prosperous dry-goods merchant, waited up the night of Hitler's 1932 election to the German chancellorship.

"At 1 a.m., the returns were all in and my father walked around the house mumbling, 'That's it, he's going to kill us all.'

"He left for Palestine literally the next day to lay the groundwork for our immigration. His two sisters had left for Palestine in the late 1920s. 'Moving to Palestine' were words definitely in the vocabulary of my childhood. My mother, a medical student, only objected to the timing. She had two more semesters left. My father didn't care. And mother? Well, it is expected of women to adjust, and they rise to the occasion.

"My father insisted we leave the apartment building that night, because we had neighbors who were staunch Nazis. Later we returned to pack a lift. In Palestine, we discovered that homeless Jews often lived in the lifts after they were emptied.

"We then left for Riga and my [non-Jewish] nanny, wanted to come with us. There was terrible unemployment at the time in Germany. My mother encouraged her to stay. There was so much crying at the railway station.

"My mother, sister and I traveled to Riga where we stayed in a pension near my grandfather's sister and her family. These Riga relatives died in the Holocaust."

In 1975, Leah Rabin traveled with her husband, then prime minister, on a state visit to Germany.

"I stood in Bergen-Belsen listening to the German military band play our national anthem. The irony. I closed my eyes and said, 'Thank you, father, for your vision.' It was one of the highlights of my life, seeing those Germans in their helmets, in those gray uniforms repeatedly play our anthem. I only wish my father could have seen me standing there."

Leah Rabin, left, shares victory celebration in 1974 with husband Yitzhak and daughter.

Sixteen years after her ignominious exit from the Prime Minister's residence, Rabin is back sitting pretty. "Older and wiser," her famous mane of shoulder length black hair, once said to be deliberately similar to Jacqueline Onassis's coiffure, is now worn slightly shorter and is partially pulled back.

She returned to the Prime Minister's residence once in between her husband's stewardships, at the invitation of Yitzhak Shamir's wife Shulamit Shamir eight years ago. "She had said that we - the wives of the coalition government - would get together in the house again. I never heard from her."

Rabin had her own premonitions about the likelihood of her husband's return to power.

"History had to be rectified," she says when asked if she wanted him to run and if she wanted to co-star in the sequel. "Yes, I did. There was injustice done to Yitzhak, and I believed all these years that the day would come and that the wrong would be righted."

The Rabins left the residence after press revelations that they had held two joint bank accounts in Washington, holdovers from Yitzhak Rabin's tenure as ambassador and a violation of foreign currency laws.

Where was the injustice?

"I prefer not to elaborate upon it. I don't want to dwell on the past," says Rabin.

"Yes, there was definitely injustice. Definitely. When we left this house, I felt the day would come when we would move back here."

When Leah Rabin arrived at the mansion this time, she displayed a confidence only a previous tenant could evince. She came alone, without her husband. "The Shamirs had left and I wanted to see what had to be done." In fact, she already knew.

"I wasn't going to make the same mistakes," she says. "It might sound trite, but the technical changes reflect the substantive ones. Fifteen years ago, I didn't have a personal secretary, so I spent most of my time answering the phones which ring in this place day and night. I didn't have a car or a driver, so I drove between Jerusalem and Tel Aviv in my car which was not air-conditioned, arriving at each end a wreck; and I hated the tiny living room in the private quarters upstairs. It was a horror. It had a couch like the bench the accused person sits on in a courtroom. It wasn't wood but it felt like it. We were never comfortable there."

Today, Rabin employs a secretary ("She does not travel with me; we don't function on that level") and a driver ("I drive my own car in Tel Aviv because I need to retain a feeling of independence from this role and thank God I don't need the security Yitzhak does").

Rabin also renovated the private living room. "We love this room now. We are entitled to have a corner where we feel at home. Aren't we? I also brought my own china. Jerusalem is now the focus of my life, where I live and entertain both personal friends and God knows who else. This house sees many, many functions each month. I want the table to look pretty."

But what is palpably different from the first go around is the nature of the nearby demonstrations, one of which included a "seder table" set for 168 Jewish intifada victims.

"I thought the 'seder' was disgusting. It made us angry. But there were also horrible demonstrations at the time [after the Yom Kippur War] when Yitzhak was working with [U.S. Secretary of State] Henry Kissinger on separation of forces and the interim agreement, which led the way to the final peace agreement. I can still hear the voices yelling under our window, 'Go home Kissinger, go home.' Now the police keep the demonstrators away from the windows."

Does she feel any empathy for the demonstrators?

"I feel so strongly about what my husband is doing - the peace initiatives, the need to compromise - that when the demonstrators come, it really doesn't get very close to my heart."

And her husband's heart?

"He is quite cool. It doesn't make him sad if that's what you mean. It makes him angry."

And there is one more difference, Rabin notes. "The first time, I brought my daughter here from the hospital to recuperate after the birth of her first child. We had no baby monitor so I recall we were constantly running up and down to hear if he was crying. Today that baby is 18 years old, a soldier in the Israeli army."

Her daughter is a practicing attorney in Tel Aviv, and her son is working for a high-tech firm in Raleigh, North Carolina. "He's coming back," she says. "He's built a house in Israel."

Though Leah Rabin is an ardent supporter of Israel's Sheba Medical Center and both Tel Aviv and Israel Museums, the cause she labors hardest for is autistic children, through the Autistic Society of Israel. Like siblings of a lottery winner, these lucky organizations are now reaping the benefit of their long association with her.

Rabin, for her part, is doggedly loyal.

At a recent gala benefit which she and her husband attended as patrons, a prominent foreign benefactor whom she had approached in the past, in vain, for the Autistic Society, suddenly announced a pledge in her honor of $50,000.

"I said to him, 'Thank you, but what have you done? It is a very worthy organization, but I have nothing to do with them.'"

Did he double his pledge?

"No," Rabin says with a laugh, "he halved it. And the Autistic Society got an unexpected $25,000 that evening. Look, let's not kid ourselves: people, donors and whoever want to come to this house and they respond to my initiative. That's the name of the game.

I am trying to make the situation work to everyone's advantage."

And how does Rabin, a popular speaker on behalf of Israel, preach the Zionist dream and aliya in the baronial salons of Fifth and Park avenues where Monets and medieval spice boxes coexist in an American-Jewish reverie? Did she tell the benefactor to move here?

"No," says Rabin, "I did not. But I always bring across the message that Israel is the best place for a Jew to live. The only place in the world where you can get up in the morning without having to obsess about being Jewish. We are freed of that living here.

"I am critical of American Jews in this regard. I believe one reason for our enormous number of emigrants is that our youngsters don't see enough immigrants from affluent Western countries coming. This country makes tremendous demands on its young people and when they see their Jewish peers abroad staying put, it challenges their own commitment. Why must our kids always bear the burdens of the Jewish people?"

Accompanying her husband on his maiden visit to the Clinton White House, Leah Rabin met First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, an avid advocate of health reform in the United States. "I have met five previous first ladies," notes Rabin dispassionately. "Lady Bird Johnson, Pat Nixon, Betty Ford, Rosalyn Carter, Barbara Bush. And with the exception of Rosalyn Carter who very graciously insisted on throwing a tea party for 50 of my friends, each visit was predictable, meaning afternoon tea, a tour of the White House seeing novelties like Lincoln's bedroom.

"My meeting with Hillary Clinton," continues Rabin, "was in the morning, on the first floor, in an office, with no talk of Chelsea. All business. Just her, myself and the wife of our ambassador. We had tempted her with the promise of bringing along the Health Ministry's director-general. Unfortunately his flight from Paris to Washington turned back in mid-flight. I went it alone. I was a little uncomfortable although he had briefed me before I left and the embassy in Washington helped out."

Ironically, Rabin says, Clinton was most interested in Israel's system of well-baby clinics. "She also recalled that she had contacts in Israel while still in Arkansas with the HIPPY program in parent education, developed at Hebrew University."

Does Rabin believe Israel's public is ready for a prime minister's wife-cum-minister-without-portfolio?

"We've soaked up a lot of American culture, but not that."

She maintains that she occasionally tells her husband, " 'You should have said this or that...,' on one provocative issue or another, [but] he usually disagrees with me. Sometimes, though, I'm a sounding board. Look, he's my husband. He comes home at 9 p.m. Whom is he going to talk to? We've been doing this for a long time. We're close. We eat breakfast together every morning. It's our ritual."--(c) JPFS 1993

Computer program 'kosher' to all streams of Judaism

By NECHEMIA MEYERS

Thirty-three-year-old Philadelphia software wizard Jeff Milgram has accomplished the seemingly impossible: he has created a computer program to help people study the Pentateuch, one that is acceptable to all streams of Judaism from ultra-Orthodox to radical Reform.

The parallel English and Hebrew texts of his "Torah Scholar" program are, of course, the traditional ones. But users have the opportunity to choose, for example, two ways of spelling God's name. If they are Reform or Conservative Jews, they will presumably opt for the version in which it appears on the screen as God; if they are Orthodox, they will certainly prefer the one in which it is written G'd.

Milgram is well acquainted with both sides of the Jewish street. He had a modicum of Jewish education and a bar mitzvah at a Conservative congregation (Beth Shalom) in Philadelphia and now, two decades later, he is a strictly Orthodox Jew in Jerusalem.

There was certainly no hint of his "spiritual destination" when, after graduation from Dickinson College, he worked first for the giant Sperry Univac computer company in Philadelphia and then, after moving to California, for Insurnet, a Silicon Valley firm that specializes in software for the insurance industry.

While Milgram was commercially successful, he remained spritually troubled, and so he decided on a trip to the Far East. That trip was never completed, however, because of what happened during a "stopover" in Israel. For on a visit to the Western Wall, a rabbi persuaded Milgram to delve more deeply into Judaism before exploring other cultures and religions. And since that fateful meeting eight years ago, Milgram has divided his time between yeshiva studies and work for local computer companies.

The two aspects of his life came together when he decided to develop a computer-based educational program that would, he hoped, be sophisticated enough to appeal to secularized Jews and yet profound enough to benefit yeshiva students and rabbis. This goal, though difficult to achieve, has been met by his "Torah Scholar" program, developed over a seven year period.

"Torah Scholar" allows the user to study the Five Books of Moses in English, Hebrew or, on a split screen, in parallel. It also gives the user, among other things, all of Rashi's commentaries; a Concordance that can locate any Biblical word or phrase instantly; a list of the 613 mitzvot incumbent upon an observant Jew with cross references to their Pentateuch origins; and the opportunity to make notes that will remain attached to a particular passage. A further feature, of particular interest to Jewish schools, is an integrated library of 100 illustrations and maps (which can be printed out and then colored).

"Torah Scholar" wasn't a commercial success until a few months ago, when Milgram joined forces with another American immigrant, Rabbi Emanuel Fishman, who now handles the marketing end of the enterprise. As a result, sales have skyrocketed in America, Israel and a half-dozen other countries.

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Nationality law

It is indeed ironic that one of the first legislative acts of the new government of Turkish-born Prime Minister Eduard Balladur of France has been to disenfranchise almost 800,000 children.

France's new nationality law targets these children specifically because they have the misfortune of having foreign-born parents. Matthew Fraser, writing in *The Gazette* (May 16), correctly points out that with this new Draconian act, almost a million children are being thrown into a situation of statelessness.

Like many democratic countries, France has conferred automatic citizenship on people born within its borders; now it joins Germany (which has an even more stringent policy on citizenship) and other European countries in narrowing the citizenship corridor by denying automatic citizenship to those born in France and making the conferring of that right subject to the discretion of the government.

Those born in France of foreign parents will be able to apply between the ages of 16 and 21 for citizenship but the government reserves the right to deny an applicant that has been found guilty of various violations of French law. Being born in France and possessing a French education and culture will not necessarily help a petitioner seeking citizenship.

This law, which is obviously a sop to the right wing agitation of National Front leader Jean-Marie Le Pen — whose popularity at the polls remains disturbingly high — is aimed specifically at the large number of Arab and black immigrants who have made their way to France in the last two decades and who have been employed in the kinds of menial jobs most Frenchmen are unwilling to do.

The new law, as Fraser observes, is also designed to stop the practice of phony marriages to French women, often used by immigrants to obtain citizenship status in France. The new law will require the foreign born to remain within a marriage for a minimum of two years before a formal application for citizenship can be made.

Aside from this dubious intrusion of the state into the matrimonial arena, the French government has, through its new legislation, repudiated that country's liberal and time-honored policy of asylum which, since the early part of this century, made France a beacon of light.

France's new citizenship law suggests that while that light has not been extinguished completely, its candle power is now severely diminished.

Unjust resolution

The spirit of the late Al Forrest surfaced recently at a conference of the United Church of Canada. Forrest was the editor of *The United Church Observer* in the late 1960s and 1970s and used the pages of that periodical to write and publish numerous one-sided attacks against Israel.

Now the United Church of Canada has passed a two-part motion critical of Israel and its alleged mistreatment of Palestinians in the territories and Gaza. The United Church's resolution calls for direct United Nation protection for the Palestinians should Israel continue to violate the fourth Geneva Convention. The resolution makes no mention of the hundreds of attacks and murders of Israeli soldiers and civilians which have occurred in the last four years.

The resolution marks a return to the Forrest epoch of anti-Israel bias on the part of the United Church. It is an unfortunate and retrograde step and one animated by special interest factions within the church and by myopia and double standards.

Some delegates who argued against the motion said that to condemn Israel would be harmful to dialogue between Christians and Jews — an argument which played into the hands of the resolution's supporters — who said that Palestinian deaths have a higher priority than the comfort level of people involved in Christian-Jewish dialogue.

Delegates should have repudiated this infamous libel against Israel not because it might sour dialogue but because it maliciously identifies Israel alone among all the nations of the earth as meriting special censure.

In a world in which Serbians have been indiscriminately massacring Catholic Croatians and Muslim Bosnians, Indonesians have been decimating the indigenous people of East Timor, and the Sudanese have been waging genocidal war against Christians in the south of their country (to cite but a few examples of international mayhem), it is ludicrous for the United Church to locate Israel as the major focus of its ecclesiastical censure.

Through its expression of a selective indignation, the United Church has lost credibility as a moral force in Canadian society.

PRIZE FOR KOLLEK

Jerusalem mayor Teddy Kollek is awarded the Marcus Sieff Foundation prize for his work in improving relations between Arabs and Israelis [IPPA photo]

Letters to the Editor

Letters are welcome if they are brief, in English or French, typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit and condense letters, which must bear the sender's address, phone number and both handwritten and typed signatures.

CLARIFICATION

It was flattering to receive full page coverage of Ron Csillag's interview of me (*CJN* Exclusive, May 20).

However, two matters I feel require correction or explanation.

The National Task Force for Syrian Jews of Canadian Jewish Congress is not a "one-woman operation." The Task Force, being action oriented is necessarily small, but comprises dedicated participants from every region of Canada. So too, none of the work referred to in the interview could possibly have been done without the ongoing generosity of synagogues and individuals of the Toronto Jewish Community, and from all areas of Canada.

The vice-chair of the Task Force is Helen Cooper of Toronto.

While some may have realized from the use of my full name, the introduction to the interview did not make clear that my husband Donald Carr and I are the parents of five children in addition to our son who graduated from Ben Gurion University. They and our three granddaughters should not be discriminated against!

Judy Feld Carr
Toronto

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A PARENT'S CONCERN

It is with deep concern that I write to you as the parent of a non-day school son who is extremely committed to Jewish life, learning and Judaica.

As I grew up I was excluded from many things because I was not a day school student and now my children battle with it periodically. We must never write off any Jewish person, adult or child. I am offended when I read Rabbi Pachino's contention that the Holocaust is "trivalized by the proliferation of missions to Poland."

Even though Stanley Plotnick's article was positive about the March of the Living for everyone he commented that "For non-day school students, the March might be the catalyst . . . to start an affiliation with Judaism and an opportunity to develop a commitment to Jewish learning and involvement."

There are many young people today who, without the day school or the March experience, have much to contribute to the fabric of Jewish society. We must encourage all people and exclude or write off none. I have also witnessed many children for whom day school was not the answer — Judaism plays a minor role in their lives.

My son, Shelly, at five years old, joined the Walk for Israel.

At seven, he picked up a copy of *The Diary of Anne Frank*. After reading it and discussing it extensively with the family, he read anything he could get his hand on regarding the Holocaust. Shelly graduated as valedictorian of Shaar Shalom Hebrew School and Beth Tikvah Congregational High School. He then went on to teach at Beth Tikvah, deeply committed to Jewish values and sharing of knowledge as well as studying whenever he could.

Shelly was asked to join the First March of the Living in 1988. He was truly honored. There was much controversy as to whether or not a non-day school student should be allowed to accompany the trip. He joined the trip and appeared to be a valued member. He has spoken to many groups since that trip.

Shelly has been involved in many aspects of Jewish communal life. He has served on the Toronto Jewish Congress Holocaust Memorial Committee. He was a page during the Anne Frank exhibit here. He organized Network at Thornlea Secondary School. He is past president of the Jewish Student Union at University of Western Ontario. He is an activist in many areas. Presently, he is studying at Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

Marion Feld
Toronto

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SAY SHOW BOAT IS RACIST

We are Jews who think that *Show Boat* is racist; a play which presents negative stereotypes of black people. We support the black community in its opposition to *Show Boat* and we urge others in the Jewish community to join us in our protest by boycotting the production.

The instances of anti-Semitism that have surfaced in the discussion about *Show Boat* are offensive and hurtful; however, this does not make the play any less racist.

Efforts until now have had no effect in stopping this production. We need to reach the producers by dealing them an economic blow. We urge you to hit them where it will hurt. **Don't buy tickets to** *Show Boat!*

We question the United Way's hypocrisy. How can an organization which demands an anti-discrimination policy from agencies before they can receive funding, justify their continued and highly visible support of this production? Public money should be used to oppose racism, not to support it. There is much anti-racist work to be done.

Today white supremacy and neo-Nazism are on the rise, blacks and Jews are targeted along with other people of color, disabled people, native people, lesbians and gays. We are all vulnerable. We need to come together to fight racism, to participate in Tikkun Olam, the hard work of repairing our world.

We quote black feminist bell hooks when she says, "Solidarity between blacks and Jews must be mutual . . . It must be rooted in a recognition on the part of both groups of shared history, shared struggle, and the ways in which our past and future destinies both connect and diverge."

Show Boat provides an opportunity for our two communities to connect in the struggle against racism, against white supremacy. Our fear at this point in time is that the opportunity will be lost, that the Jewish community will not take up the challenge of opposing *Show Boat* and the possibility of connection will instead become a place of disconnection.

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Opinion

Tennis making a difference to children of Israel

By RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

Every year at this season, I return to a favorite subject of mine, tennis. It is rooted in my own youth. Although combat is involved its characters are peaceful, for when people oppose each other it is with racquets, not guns; and an appreciative audience acknowledges skill and guts without regard to race, religion, or national origin. In a manner of speaking, it is an island of pure pleasure and good feeling in a raucous and dissonant world.

Attractive as such circumstances are, they are doubly so when it comes to Israel. For they reflect the kind of reality in the Jewish state which the media don't seem to know. As far as they are concerned, Israel is not merely a part of the Middle East and its problems, for all too many journalists it is the problem. We hear of terror and retaliation; of kidnappings and bombs; peace negotiations that drag on and don't seem to get anywhere.

Yes, that is part of its reality — but Israel is a thousand times more than that, a land which tries, in a multitude of innovative ways, to shape a new kind of tomorrow. Sometimes this effort shows up in unexpected places. A tennis court would seem to be the least likely place for such an exhibition, but it happens to be a small prism through which the best of Israel's social effort can be glimpsed.

That's why I am writing about it once again. The innocent and always challenging game of tennis represents an aspect of Israeli life that is worth knowing.

Some years ago, a group of American, Canadian, South African and British Jews got together to talk about giving Israeli youth a brand new kind of lift. To be sure, they were playing soccer and had fallen in love with basketball. But while young people enjoyed these sports and played them on sand lots, soccer and basketball remained primarily spectator-driven. Was there an opportunity to give Israeli youngsters an entirely different chance at participation, one that could last them a lifetime and at the same time teach them about a world ordinarily far removed from their ken?

Rabbi Plaut

Tennis was these founders' means of achieving the unlikely. They decided to build tennis centres throughout Israel and to provide children of any and all backgrounds with free instruction, racquets, balls and, most important, expert instruction.

In a relatively short time they were successful beyond their fondest dreams. Eleven centres now dot Israel. So far some 130,000 youth have mastered the fundamentals of the sport and have been involved in learning programs which feature discipline, fairness, neatness, courtesy, cooperation, plus a good knowledge of the English language.

Since the idea was born and put into practice, tennis has made a difference for thousands of Israel's children, from the newest arrivals to long-time residents of the country. It also has provided employment: look at the 20 Russian-born coaches who now work in the system.

Canada Stadium, at Ramat Hasharon, is the nation's centre for national and international championships. It bears this proud name because Canadian contributions provided the lion's share of its construction costs. A beautiful facility, it has symbolized the success of the whole enterprise.

Once a year several small groups of promising youngsters, together with their coaches, tour North America. They are housed in private homes and on a (hopefully sunny) afternoon entertain supporters of Israel Tennis Centres in North American cities. It's an occasion I wouldn't want to miss, for the kids and their mentors represent a special kind of Israeli outreach to the Diaspora. They tell us that there is also a very normal aspect to Israel's life, and our visitors — boys and girls aged 9 to 13 — are the ambassadors of this reality. They enjoy their first trip abroad — and what an experience it is for them! Yet they are just kids who combine talent with fun and sportsmanship.

In a way there is something old-fashioned about them, though their exhibition is everything but "old." Looking at them, one finds it easy to visualize that amongst these youngsters there will be some Amos Mansdorfs of tomorrow, great stars who make their mark on the international scene. But that possibility is merely a possible by-product of the enterprise, not its centre. At the centre are the youth themselves, with their unbounded enthusiasm, competing in an environment where opponents, after having battled each other, walk off as friends. Even if you are not a tennis aficionado you'll love it all.

"Tennis anyone?" is both a question and an invitation. The Israeli kids give us a resounding answer which we have no trouble remembering. They'll be in Toronto on June 20, and in Montreal the following Sunday. If you are interested call 669-2420 in Toronto, and 481-4535 in Montreal.

Older Albanian Jews long for the old country

By BATSHEVA TSUR

The Albanian Jews like to compare their aliyah to the exodus from Egypt. For 50 years, they will tell you, they lived in bondage, out of touch with the rest of the world. Then, suddenly, the seas parted with the fall of the Berlin Wall and Communism. Albania entered the 20th century and the immigrants arrived in the Promised Land.

Between the penultimate day of the Gulf War in 1991 and June of that year, almost the entire 350-member Albanian Jewish community moved to Israel. They flew here via Rome and Athens in groups of 20 or 30 and were sent to absorption centres in Karmiel, Beersheba, Kiryat Yam and Ashdod.

For some, especially the younger professionals, it is a land of milk and honey; but for most of the older immigrants, and in particular a group of close to 30 families in the Beersheba absorption center, "the absorption pangs were worse than the difficulties they faced when they had to leave Albania," as Jewish Agency aliyah department head Uri Gordon said recently.

So much so, that a large group of families are now threatening to pack their bags and go back.

"Give me a ticket and I'll go back immediately. So will the other 30 families living here. Only two families have settled down," says William Kosturi, 53, an electrical engineer who is still at the Beersheba absorption center after almost two years.

"I left my heart in Albania," he says. "There I had respect. What do I have here?"

If 30 families want to go back to the poorest, most isolated country in Europe, something surely must be wrong with their absorption.

"Their difficulties are unprecedented," says Gordon. "This is because they came just with the clothes on their backs and have no support group from previous immigrations from Albania. No one speaks their language."

Kosturi tells a Job-like tale of woe.

"When we arrived here, we didn't know what to do. We came from [a primitive] Communist country. From the age of 15, I had worked as an electrician. I was also a teacher and an engineer. In Yeroham, I got a job in building but they didn't keep me on. My degrees weren't recognized here. Then I worked as a porter in the Shekem and in a Beersheba supermarket.

"Now I'm employed in a metal factory, earning 10 shekels per hour without social benefits. My wife works four hours a day in a kindergarten. We left behind two sons in Albania."

He says that only three persons in the absorption centre are working in their professions. "The other Albanians are doing dirty work, in the supermarkets or on the roads. They earn less than five shekels per hour. One of these was a French teacher in the Tirana University.

Another has a doctorate in geology. How can we pay back mortgages?

"If I could go back today, I would. But the Albanian government has given someone else my house and job." He says almost all the families feel the same.

"We have been here two years. We're in the same place today. We thought we would get help here. We don't want money. We want someone to help us to understand the life here. We have turned to the Histadrut and the Jewish Agency but it is like talking in a cemetery. No one has come. We are alone."

In charge of absorbing her fellow-countrymen is Felicita Jakoel, who is the epitome of an immigrant success story. She was the first Jew to leave Tirana when the gates opened in 1989. Invited by relatives to Greece, she made secret contacts with the Israeli Embassy and the Jewish Agency.

"My curiosity was too strong so I visited Israel, even though this was forbidden," she says. On her return, it was she who got the Zionist movement going in her mother country.

Today, she deals with their problems from the Tel Aviv offices of the Organization of Latin American Olim. In her mid-30s, Jakoel, who speaks fluent Hebrew, English, French, Greek, Italian and, of course, Albanian, is also studying to be a tourist guide.

She has great sympathy for the problems of the Beersheba olim. "I really wish people would understand their plight and help them," she says.

Sitting on the edge of the desk, she asks: "Do you see me telephoning? Can you imagine that in Albania there were no telephones? Not unless you worked for the party or were a top functionary."

Jakoel presents a more balanced picture. "The young people are studying and working. Other families have managed to settle down. But these [who want to leave] are the older people and the pensioners.

"In Karmiel, they received monthly rental apartments," she says. "This could perhaps solve the problem in Beersheba too and make them happier."

She notes that Albanian Jews do not come from a tradition of hard work. "In Albania, people pretended to work and the government pretended to give a wage. But they had a small apartment and it was for life."

But there is hope, she believes. "The children are first in their class."

The first Jews settled in Albania during the time of the Second Temple when Titus brought the slaves to Rome. "According to our tradition, one boat was washed up in Albania. The Romans thought that the beasts or the natives would kill them," Jakoel says. "But there was a rebellion against Rome then in Albania, so the Jews survived. We have proof because there is a first- or second-century synagogue in Kosova in north Albania."

There was a second wave in the 15th century, she says, after the Spanish Inquisition. In Valona, half of the citizens were believed to have been Jews. They worked in commerce and handicrafts but disappeared later.

"Jewish legends say that there was a wedding and unidentified people kidnapped a bride and the rest of the community fled. But really the reasons were economic. The Jews had a monopoly over grain.

"The natives complained to the sultan who imposed economic restrictions on them. They moved to northern Greece and took an ancient Torah scroll with them. It was destroyed in the war by the Nazis in Joanina. Those who remained in Albania simply assimilated."

She says that when the false Messiah, Shabtai Zvi, was exiled to Albania, he wrote to the Jewish community for a prayer book. "This shows we had a flourishing Jewish community in the 17th century."

The third wave of Jewish migration to Albania was 120 years ago, she says. "These Jews came from Joanina and a nearby area in Greece. They were neither Sephardim nor Ashkenazim but from the ancient community there from the time of the destruction of the Second Temple.

They called themselves 'Romaniotes,' because they were exiled by the Romans and were very proud of their origin directly from Jerusalem.

"These Jews - about 200 of them - settled in the capital, Tirana, and in Valora. This was at the time of the Ottoman Empire and there were no borders. They were merchants. They got on well with the Albanians.

"During World War II, this was fully displayed. Only five Albanian Jews were killed. The Albanians also saved 600 Jews from other Balkan countries. They gave shelter, food - and dignity - to these people, in addition to saving their lives."

This dignity seems to be the key to a successful absorption of the Albanian Jews. --JPFS

There's really no getting away from being a parent

By ERICA MEYER RAUZIN

I like to think of myself as an accomplished traveller, flexible, sophisticated, cool.

I also like to think of myself as a slim, tall, 20-year-old fashion plate, but thinking doesn't make it so.

The truth of the matter is I'm far too consumed by detail to be a flexible, sophisticated, cool traveller. I'm likelier to turn out to be slim, tall and 20 than I am to become the kind of person who goes to the airport without confirmed reservations and an extra pair of socks in my pocketbook.

A while back, my husband and I took a big train trip to the Canadian rockies. Our travel agent, Ralph, recovered from the strain of booking our trip by spending a week's retreat at what Garrison Keillor once called The State Home for the Bewildered.

I've never raised my voice, Ralph has never raised his, but I knew he'd rather hear the tax man on his phone than me. I can still hear the conversations:

"Hi, Ralph, did you make sure the meals on that flight are kosher? Are you sure the hotel has a kitchenette? We only have an hour to make our flight connection, is that long enough? Is there another flight we could take? Does the rental car have automatic transmission? Is it sturdy? Is there a mileage charge? Do we need passports?"

Erica Meyer Rauzin

The poor man must reach for the Valium every time he thinks of me. At least he makes a living from this — my husband has no such comfort.

"Hi, Honey, did you talk to Ralph? Did you get the travellers' cheques? Should I stop the newspaper subscription? Can the kids reach us in the mountains? Should I leave them a bunch of little toys and gifts? Will the house be okay? Will the kids be okay? Will our moms be okay? (Well, yes, they do have our dads.) Will you stay home from work all day so we get to the airport on time? And is somebody lined up to feed the dog?"

I'm lucky he didn't abandon me at a railroad siding in the prairie.

When I travel, I like to exert a lot of control over uncontrolable entities, such as flight times and the weather. My husband is far more relaxed about travelling, and about things at home when we're away.

He works like crazy until the very second the plane leaves — a tough policy if your wife likes lots of airport lead time. But, once he's away, he's away. He'll sign a loving "Daddy" at the bottom of my postcards, but he does not want to spend his vacation wondering if our daughter's school picture has come back from the photographer yet, if the cocker spaniel got her flea bath, or if our son's playmate's spotty disease turned out to be contagious.

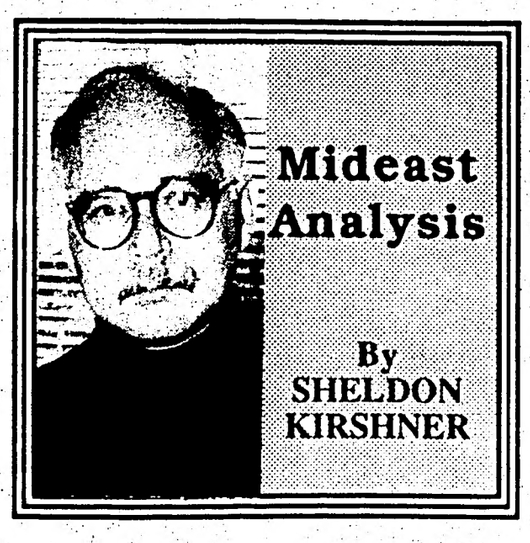
Truthfully, neither do I, but find it harder to turn off the litany. I want to forget, to throw caution to the wind, to wander unknown destinations without calling to give the babysitter my phone number and ask her just two or three hundred questions. I would like to ditch detail and accept the mysteries that travel brings, and I could, if the mysteries didn't include sleeping in airports or drinking bad coffee.

I genuinely love travel, and relished getting to the mountains and having a romantic getaway with my husband. We hiked hilly paths and roamed meadows of wildflowers and watched the sunset and the moon rise, and held hands, and appreciated.

But we also called home every other night, trying to have logical phone conversations with small children, and we picked up little presents everywhere we stopped, and we fretted, just a little, about how they were doing with only four grandparents, a babysitter, two aunts, two cousins and an uncle to take care of them. That's part of going away . . . and of coming home again.

Features

Ein Yahav makes desert green



Mideast Analysis

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Sheldon Kirshner visits Ein Yahav, a moshav deep in the Arava.

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

David Ben-Gurion's grandiose dream of taming the Negev Desert remains largely unfulfilled.

"The State of Israel cannot tolerate a desolate wilderness in more than half of its territory," Israel's first prime minister declared several decades ago. "If we don't conquer the desert, the desert will conquer us."

Since then, a string of cities and towns, such as Beersheba and Dimona, have arisen in the northern Negev. But south of the Dead Sea, in a forboding and forsaken region known as the Arava, there are exceedingly few signs of human habitation.

A bleak, barren valley, the Arava is Israel's last frontier. Within its desiccated boundaries are less than a dozen moshavim and kibbutzim, with a population of perhaps 2,000.

The Arava's biggest urban centre, the Red Sea resort and port of Eilat, seems to be thousands of kilometres from Ein Yahav, the oldest and largest rural settlement in the Arava.

Ein Yahav — which is about 240 kilometres south of swinging Tel Aviv — squats in a rift lying in the shadow of brooding, haze-shrouded mountains.

It's a smudge of refreshing green in a monotonous tan expanse. Ein Yahav's verdant fields are adjacent to the Jordanian border, which is marked by barbed wire, mine fields, hilltop fortifications and a narrow patrol road.

Around these parts, terrorist incidents are rare. Since the Six Day War, there have been only a handful of incursions by Palestinian guerrillas. None of these armed raids were aided or abetted by the Jordanian government, which has no interest in stirring up trouble with Israel.

A tribute to vision, fortitude and backbreaking labor, Ein Yahav is a man-made oasis. Believed to have been the site of a British police post during the League of Nations mandate, it was founded in 1959 by the Israeli army as a Nahal base for soldier-farmers. By 1967, it was a full-fledged moshav, or co-operative settlement, with 16 families. Today, Ein Yahav is home to some 100 families, the majority of whom are ex-kibbutzniks from the north of the country.

The moshav employs approximately 450 transient foreigners from as far away as Thailand, South Africa, Britain and Canada. A few Bedouin workers are also hired.

The climate in the Arava can be cruel, particularly in the hottest summer months when the temperature can hit 45 degrees. But for the rest of the year, the weather is usually comfortably warm, and this means that Ein Yahav's industrious farmers can produce more than one annual crop.

In effect, the Arava is an immense natural greenhouse, and settlements like Ein Yahav take full advantage of its fortuitous geography.

Nothing, of course, would be possible without water. In this harsh, parched, sun-scorched landscape, water seems like an anomaly. But in actual fact, there are several wells in the vicinity, and this barely adequate supply enables Ein Yahav to function brilliantly as a model agricultural village.

Peter Shami, the 48-year-old moshav secretary, said that each farmer receives 50,000 cubic metres of water per year. Ein Yahav does not draw on the National Water Carrier, which stops just north of the moshav. Computer-controlled drip irrigation methods were perfected in the Arava, and Ein Yahav pioneered their use.

Ein Yahav is best known for its luscious melons, the bulk of which are exported to Britain and Germany. "They say we're the number one melon exporter in Israel," said Meir Ben Sadeh, the moshav's 51-year-old chairman.

But when it comes to melons, Ein Yahav has anything but a monopoly. Competition from Spain, South Africa, Senegal and Morocco is fierce. "We have to be two steps ahead of our competitors," Ben Sadeh said. "We have to be on our toes."

In addition to melons, Ein Yahav is noted for its bountiful harvests of cherry tomatoes, green peppers, eggplants, onions and grapes. There are also fish ponds and and lush, beautifully symmetrical date plantation. The moshav grows commercial flowers, and further revenue is derived from a nearby roadside restaurant which caters to travellers on the road to Eilat. Some years ago, cattle farming was tried, but it didn't work out, and mouldering hay stacks on the periphery of Ein Yahav underline this failure.

Although Ein Yahav is burdened by debt, like virtually all moshavim and kibbutzim, its farmers do not lack material comforts. They live well, in tidy cottages with gardens, lawns and shade trees.

Residents have access to a sports club with a swimming pool, tennis courts and library. There is a youth club, the construction of which was made possible by United Israel Appeal of Canada in conjunction with the Jewish Agency.

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Shami, who was born on Kibbutz Evron, came to Ein Yahav in 1976 looking for wide open spaces. "A friend told me this was the place for me." Sadly, Shami's friend recently succumbed to cancer.

Thanks to a generous government mortgage, Shami was able to finance the purchase of a home and to buy a tractor and irrigation piping. "Today, for a newcomer, it's much more difficult," he said.

Ben Sadeh, a native of Kfar Vitkin on the Sharon plain, completed his national service in Ein Yahav in the 1950s and moved here in 1970. "I like it very much," he said. "I like its sense of solidarity, and it's ideal for raising children."

"It's easier for a man," he added. "The isolation can be hard on a woman."

Udi and Keppy Guberman, the parents of three children, have lived here for the past four years. Udi is a Sabra; his wife is a Montrealer from St. Laurent who went to Israel as a tourist in 1970 and stayed after meeting her husband on Kibbutz Ein Gedi. (Her mother, Pearl Berger, lives in Toronto. Her brother, Nathan, resides in Montreal).

Before settling down on Ein Yahav, the Gubermans lived in Spring Brook, Ont., where they raised sheep and ran a farm supply business. "We had a very good life in Canada," said Udi, who is 43. "We were reasonably successful, we had very good friends, and we were active in Belleville's Jewish community."

They went to Canada to pursue a dream. "We wanted our own farm, and we couldn't afford one in Israel," explained Udi. But after nine years in Spring Brook, the Gubermans decided to go back to Israel. "We returned for spiritual reasons. And we liked the isolated feeling of the Arava. Northern Israel was too crowded for us."

The Gubermans poured close to $200,000 of their savings into a 140-square-metre cottage and farm equipment. "We're doing well," said Udi, who works from sunrise to sunset, sometimes seven days per week. "You work extremely hard. People are not here for Zionist reasons. They're here because they're making very good money, period."

Keppy is totally involved in the operation. She helps pick and sort crops and is responsible for the bookkeeping.

Despite his success on Ein Yahav, Udi seems dissatisfied. "It's a very conformist society, though it's changing," he said. When he was asked whether he is happy, he answered curtly. "Next question, please."

Neither Keppy nor Udi are certain they will remain. Sometimes, they have a desire to return to Canada. "But I don't think it's a practical idea," observed Udi.

They do not think that their children, aged 13, 15 and 20, will stay. The horizons in the Arava, though physically immense, can be personally limiting.

On average, two to three families pack up and leave Ein Yahav every year. Nevertheless, the moshav is expected to expand by some 25 families within five years, according to Shami. "The numbers would be higher if we had sufficient government assistance."

Like many settlers in the Arava, Shami is of the opinion that the previous Likud government spent furiously in the territories but was miserly in the Negev. "Once, the priority was the Negev," he said plaintively.

Shai Ben-Eliahu, head of Ein Yahav's regional council, believes the present government can turn the situation in the Arava around by digging new wells, building enough settlements to double the current population, encouraging tourism and bringing in high-tech industry.

"I believe in Ben-Gurion's dream for the Negev," he said. "I'm basically optimistic we can develop the desert. But I'm not so sure there will be a revolution in the next five to seven years."

Udi and Keppy Guberman. [Sheldon Kirshner photo]

Not so long ago, Jews were conspicuous by their absence in Central Galilee. This hilly, picturesque area, which had been allotted to the Palestinians under the 1947 United Nations Palestine partition plan, was almost exclusively inhabited by Israeli Arabs.

The Israeli government was clearly concerned by the demographics. Rightly or wrongly, it was feared that the absence of a fairly significant Jewish population there might one day encourage Israeli Arabs to demand territorial autonomy, with all its attendant political consequences.

With this scenario in mind, the Jewish National Fund and the Jewish Agency decided it was imperative to expand the Jewish presence in Central Galilee. A start had already been made in the 1950s and 1960s with the building of towns like Ma'alot, Upper Nazareth and Carmiel. But in official circles, these efforts were deemed only as the first step to redress a historical anomaly.

Under the Ottoman Turks, Palestine was a wild, mainly desolate, largely neglected land. Law and order as we know it did not exist. Its inhabitants were at the mercy of roaming brigands. Roads were practically non-existent.

In short, Palestine was a backwater.

Mindful of prevailing conditions, many Arabs established their villages on hilltops, where, to some extent, they were safe from robbers and from the heavy hand of Turkish tax collectors.

More often than not, Arabs avoided coastal areas and valleys because they had deteriorated into disease-breeding swamps. In the early 20th century, the Jewish National Fund (JNF) purchased these unwanted malarial areas from absentee Arab landlords. With the assistance of Diaspora Jews, who kept the legendary blue boxes in their homes, the JNF drained and reclaimed the Jezreel Valley and the Sharon plain. Vast afforestation and road-building projects also were undertaken by the JNF.

With hard work, the Jezreel Valley and the Sharon plain were transformed into rich, productive agricultural lands with thriving settlements.

Jewish National Fund helped build settlements

When Israel was established 45 years ago, the boundaries of the state were based, in part, upon land that had been bought over the years by the JNF. Regions that the JNF had been unable to acquire, such as the Central Galilee, were conquered during the 1948-49 War of Independence.

For the first three decades of Israeli statehood, the Central Galilee and the Negev, were Israel's most remote, least Jewishly-populated regions. But in 1980, the JNF, in conjunction with the Jewish Agency, began to build a series of mitzpim, or Jewish settlements, in the Galilee. The mitzpim would not only help "Judaize" the Central Galilee, but remind Israeli Arabs that they lived in a Jewish state. In the eyes of the Israeli government, mitzpim would serve a demographic and a psychological need.

At a cost of about $260 million (U.S.), a total of 60 mitzpim were built. JNF Canada contributed funds to the mitzpim, all of which are situated on top of hills and mountains, with panoramic views of the surrounding countryside. Approximately 10,000 Jews have so far settled the mitzpim. This influx, together with the arrival of several thousand new immigrants to Carmiel, have had the desired effect: the Jewish share of the overall population in Central Galilee has risen to 25 percent. It may seem like a piddling figure, but it isn't really when compared to the pre-1980 period.

Construction of new mitzpim has stopped, but existing ones are being enlarged. Recently, I visited two such communities, Kadarim and Camun, where JNF Canada was involved with respect to land development and the building of roads, swimming pools and playgrounds.

Kadarim, with its rubber factory and commercial flower fields, is economically self-sufficient to a degree. Camun is a suburb of Carmiel. Esthetically, both are eminently attractive.

Nearby is an observation point, donated by JNF Canada and dedicated by House of Commons Speaker John Fraser. On a clear day, the view of the British Columbia Forest, the Sea of Galilee, the Golan Heights, Haifa and the Mediterranean Sea is absolutely stunning.

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Organizations and People

CJC education program gets major funding boost

TORONTO — Funding for a family education program in small Ontario communities has been awarded by an international Jewish organization.

The L. A. Pincus Jewish Education Fund For The Diaspora will contribute $45,000 (U.S.) towards a two-year family education program run by the community services committee of Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region.

Committee co-chair Jack Mintz said the program will serve about 35 communities outside of Metro Toronto. The Pincus grant covers 50 percent of the costs; Congress will cover the rest. The program will begin in time for the September holidays.

"The program will allow participants to learn about their heritage while studying and interacting as a family unit," Mintz said.

"Parental involvement gives an important signal because it reinforces the value of Jewish education to children."

Many Jewish parents are eager to pass on their Jewish heritage but are ignorant of what that heritage is, said Susan Jackson, director of the region's community services committee.

The program involves weekly mailings of educational and craft-oriented material. Parents and children will learn more about the Sabbath, Jewish holidays and traditions like tzedakah. Projects, like making a paper challah cover or learning about the week's parshah, are geared towards each child's age.

Jewish activities outside the home are also important. Last year, Congress brought together 20 families from southern Ontario for a Shabbat weekend retreat in Niagara Falls.

Program co-ordinator Allison Tward will visit each community two to five times a year, depending on distance and cost. Family retreats or Shabbatons like the one in Niagara Falls will be held each year to allow participants from different communities to meet one another and review materials in both a social and a study setting.

In Sault Ste. Marie, families get together for a holiday program.

Registered families will pay a small fee, "somewhere in the region of $100 a year," said Jackson. The majority of the costs — salaries, printing, travelling — will be absorbed by Congress and the Pincus grant. Participants at the annual retreats will pay only a registration fee; food, lodging and programming will be supplied.

The Congress program was called "the most impressive of its kind in the world" by Haim Zohar, executive director of the Pincus Fund, during a 1991 visit to Toronto. Jackson said it is unique in North America.

The Pincus Fund is financed by the Jewish Agency, the Government of Israel, the American Joint Distribution Committee and the World Zionist Organization. It has supported nearly 300 projects in 30 countries for the past 17 years, including the CJC's outreach education program for Jewish teenagers living in Ontario small communities.

For more information about the family education program, contact Susan Jackson at (416) 635-2883, ext. 152.

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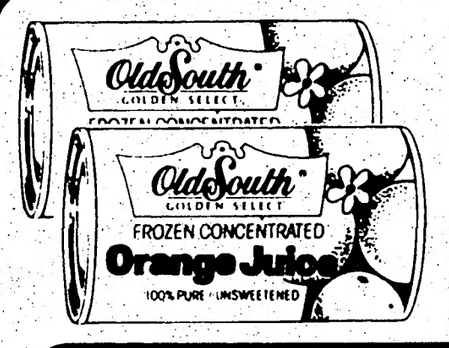

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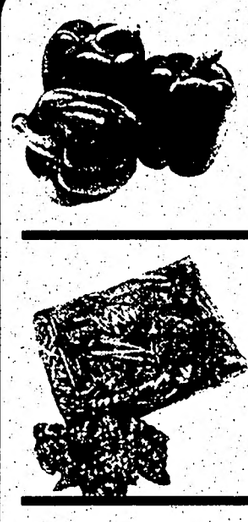

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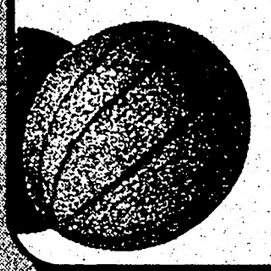

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Ethiopian boy to graduate from Sephardi school

By RON CSILLAG

TORONTO — You wouldn't know it from looking at the shy 12-year-old but Eyassu (Joshua) Kibur is fairly bursting with pride.

An unlikely candidate for any firsts, Eyassu is nevertheless about to become the first Ethiopian boy to graduate from a Sephardi day school in Canada as well as the first in Canada to chant his bar mitzvah in the Sephardi tradition.

Eyassu Kibur

Among just 31 Ethiopian Jews in Toronto, Eyassu will soon graduate from Or Haemet Sephardic School, after starting there in Grade 2.

His parents, Kibur and Walelign Asres, are inviting the entire Jewish community to their son's bar mitzvah. In true Sephardi fashion, the event will take place over two days: Eyassu will chant the Maftir and Haftorah on June 19 at Magen David Congregation (10 McAllister Rd., Downsview) while services for tefillin will take place the next morning at Petach Tikvah Anshe Castilla Congregation (20 Danby Rd., Downsview). Both will be followed by a kiddush.

The Asres family came to Canada in 1981 from Ethiopia's Gondar province, where most of the country's Jews lived. The region was caught up in a bloody war between government troops and Eritrean secessionist rebels, who recently won their independence. Almost all Ethiopian Jews, once referred to as Falashas, or strangers, are out of the country now, most of them brought to Israel in the dramatic Operation Solomon airlift of 1991.

At first, the Asres settled in Montreal but in 1987, moved to Toronto. Eyassu's brother Yosef, a 20-year-old engineering student at Simon Fraser University in Vancouver, is a champion runner who won the Canadian Junior Cross Country race in 1988 and will represent Canada at this year's Maccabiah games in Israel.

Eyassu's sister, Bettlehem, is 11 and also attends Or Haemet. Both children attended on scholarships sponsored by Or Haemet.

It's not unusual to direct Ethiopian immigrants to Sephardi schools, says former Jewish Immigrant Aid Services (JIAS) Toronto director Maurice Benzacar, because they have a heritage already outside Ashkenazi tradition.

Asked what he wants to do after graduation, Eyassu smiles and shrugs. "Maybe chief rabbi of Israel!" suggests Or Haemet's principal, Rabbi Eliezer Rokach.

In gratitude for the children's education, the Asres family is requesting that all gifts to Eyassu be donated to Or Haemet Sephardic School, 333 Wilson Avenue, Suite 601, Downsview, Ont., M3H 3T2. All gifts are tax deductible.

It is the family's hope that these donations will enable other immigrant or financially disadvantaged children to benefit from a Jewish education as well as preserve their Sephardi heritage.

For more information, call Rabbi Rokach at 635-9881 or Benzacar at 638-5337.

BONDS DINNER

The Israel Bonds Woman of Valour Dinner in honor of Ruhama Goldstein resulted in Bond and Note sales in excess of $4 million (U.S.). The dinner attracted 260 guests including former Israeli Consul General to Toronto, Dr. Aba Gefen and his wife Frida. Ruhama Goldstein is seen here receiving the Woman of Valour Pin from Susan Weikers-Volchok, incoming North American campaign chair for Israel Bonds. [Rosemary Goldhar photo]

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Organizations and People

What's New

By
MIRIAM HERMAN

DEADLINE REMINDER

Since we will not be publishing the July 1 and July 15 issues, please note these deadline changes for What's New and About People.

Thursday, June 10, is deadline for the June 24 issue, which must include items that would ordinarily have appeared in the July 1 column.

Thursday, June 17, is deadline for July 8 issue.

Thursday, July 8, is deadline for July 22 issue.

I am at my desk on deadline days to receive your calls and sort my mail. Phone number is 422-2331.

Sunday, June 13

BEIT HALOCHEM BOAT CRUISE

It's the fourth annual boat cruise for Beit Halochem New Leadership-Aid to Disabled Veterans of Israel. The three-hour cruise in the Toronto Harbor features singers **Effi Zohar** and **Tal Lavit**, a kosher Israeli buffet, and a starlit sky. Boarding the Stella Borealis is at 7 p.m. at Queen's Quay East. Cost is $36. Space is limited, so call 488-7649 now to reserve. Proceeds help equip the new rehab centre in Jerusalem.

CHORALAIRS CLOSING CONCERT

The Choralairs of North York invite the community to the 28th annual closing concert taking place 2-4 p.m. at Earl Bales Park Community Centre. There is no charge for the concert which will feature a varied program of Broadway, pop and folk songs. This performance includes a $1 raffle, the choir's once-a-year fundraising effort, which enables it to continue operating. New members are always welcome.

The Choralairs have performed this past season for residents of Cheltingham Nursing Home, Lifestyles Seniors Apartments and Cummer House.

AYJA EVENT

AYJA (Association of Young Jewish Adults) presents the Jack Dekeyzer Band at Crawdaddy's, 1500 Steeles Ave. W. at 9 p.m. Cover is $10 and proceeds will be donated to the Jewish Immigrant Aid Society Camp Fund. AYJA is a non-profit all volunteer organization for ages 22-35. Volunteers are needed. Call 760-4149.

PNAI MEETING

Toronto chapter, PNAI (Parents of North American Israelis) will meet at 8 p.m. at Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Synagogue. The Habimah Players will present a series of skits.

Monday, June 14

AN ENCHANTING EVENING

Enjoy an enchanting evening with **David Zeller** as he blends mysticism, stories, music and meditation, at 8 p.m. at Anshei Minsk Synagogue, 10 St. Andrews St., Kensington Market. Zeller of Yerushalayim is co-founder of the Institute of Transpersonal Psychology (psychology with a spiritual dimension) of Palo Alto, California. He is the founder of the Network of Conscious Judaism and has recorded cassettes of healing and meditative songs. Suggested donation is $10. Call 595-5723.

FRIEBERG CHAIR ESTABLISHED

Gerda Frieberg (3rd from right) established the Gerda Frieberg Chair in Agricultural Water management at Ben-Gurion University. With her are (from left) her daughter Josey Frieberg; Claire Horowitz, executive director, Ontario region, Canadian Associates of Ben- Gurion University of the Negev; Aly Larson, past president, Toronto chapter, Canadian Associates; Dr. Avishay Braverman, president, BGU; Leo Marcus, national executive director, CABGU. [Arnold Machtinger photo]

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Tuesday, June 15

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Wednesday, June 16

MUSICAL LEGACY AWARD

Temple Sinai presents harpist **Jennifer Swartz**, winner of the 1993 Sinai Musical Legagy Award, in a program of works by Faure, Hindemith, Saint-Saens, Tal, and Weinzweig. Recital is at 8 p.m. at the temple. The public is welcome.

ISRAELI FILM

A special viewing of the Israeli film, *Cup Final*, presented by Canadian Friends of Givat Haviva, will be followed by a discussion led by **Simcha Jacobovicci** (*Deadly Currents*), and a reception. Evening begins at 7:30 p.m. at Ontario Science Centre (Don Mills and Eglinton) For ticket information, call 736-1405.

YIDDISH CONCERT VIDEO

Overbrook Cultural Club is screening the video *A Yiddish Concert in Israel*, starring **Mike Burstyn** in comedy, song and dance, at 2 p.m. at 12 Heaton St. (Bathurst and Sheppard). Members free, non-members $2. For information, call **Millie Herzog**, 221-7207.

Thursday, June 17

REENA YOUTH CHOIR

Makhelat Reena Youth Choir is the only Jewish youth choir to be featured in this year's Joy of Singing festivities. The 1993 International Choral Festival brings to Toronto thousands of singers from Canada, United States, Europe, Asia and South America for the Joy of Singing.

The program will include original works by Canadian composers such as **Srul Irving Glick** and **Ben Steinberg**, traditional liturgy in klezmer style arranged by **Josh Jacobson**, as well as Yiddish folk tunes. **Cantor Ephraim Sapir** is the featured tenor soloist and Russian pianist **Natalya Tyomkina** will accompany. **Michael Rumack** will assist on the tof and **Carol Muallim** will play the flute.

The concert is at 6 p.m. at Beth Sholom Synagogue. Tickets are $8.50 and will be available at the door. Everyone is welcome.

THEATRE WORKSHOP IN HEBREW

The Israeli Association of Academicians in Toronto is forming a theatre workshop in Hebrew under the leadership of **Bat-Shevah Garnet** who worked in Israel, the U.S.A., England and Canada as director, teacher and actor. She was theatre professor of Windsor University. Those interested are invited to a meeting with the director at 7:30 p.m. For details, call 731-0703 or 493-7453.

And What Else Is New...

JERUSALEM PAVILION

As part of Metro International Caravan, celebrating its 25th anniversary this year, Jerusalem Pavilion '93 is being held June 19-26 at the Jewish Community Centre Bloor Y branch, 750 Spadina Ave. (at Bloor). Sponsored by B'nai Brith Canada, it offers creative designs and decorations including Jerusalem's Old City Walls and David's Citadel, a Dead Sea mud bather, a camel and more courtesy of the Israeli Government Tourist Office, plus Israeli entertainment, kosher Israeli delicacies and a traditional marketplace (shuk).

To purchase entrance passports for all of Caravan's 42 pavillions ($12 before June 14, afterwards $14) or for more information, call 633-6224.

U OF T CAMPUS TOURS

University of Toronto's popular campus tours are back for another summer. Tours depart from the Map Room of Hart House, weekdays in June, July and August, 10:30 a.m. and 1 and 2:30 p.m. The free tours are available in English, French and Chinese. For more information, or to book a group tour, call 978-5000 during business hours..

BAYCREST SYNAGOGUE SERVICES

Baycrest Terrace Synagogue, 55 Ameer Ave., holds Shacharit services weekdays at 8:30 a.m. and also Mincha, Maariv at 7 p.m. Shabbat services are at 9 a.m., preceded by Talmud studies with **Gershon Samonovits** at 8 a.m. For further information, call **David**, 256-1600.

HOLY BLOSSOM AIDS COMMITTEE

The AIDS committee at Holy Blossom Temple provides peer support for friends, lovers and family members of individuals who are HIV positive or who have AIDS. Please call in confidence to **Cindy**, 789-3291.

50 YEARS

Former Torontonians Norman and Helen Pezim (nee Kriger) celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary recently in Toronto at the Bradgate Arms with 120 relatives and friends. The Pezims live in Scottsdale, Ariz.

WOMEN IN JUDAISM PROJECT

NISHMA presents The Women in Judaism project, a challenging in-depth research and discussion seminar led by **Rabbi Benjamin Hecht**, which will analyze distinctions between men and women as presented in legal and philosphical Jewish sources. This advanced seminar will meet biweekly starting Wednesday, June 16, 8 p.m., NISHMA Centre, 358A Wilson Ave. It is open to both men and women. For information or to register, call **Daisy**, 630-0588.

LZA NATIONAL CONVENTION

June 12-14 will mark the national convention of one of the major Zionist organizations in the Canadian Jewish community. The Labor Zionist Alliance of Canada (formerly Farband) has played a leading role in Canadian Jewish cultural and Zionist activities for over 60 years. The upcoming convention will serve to update activities and to devise ways and means of bringing younger people into the movement.

Among the participants will be **Prof. Henry Feingold**, president Labor Zionist Alliance, United States; **Gerda Frieberg**, chair, Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region; **Alan Rose**, executive vice-president, Canadian Jewish Congress; **Rabbi Irwin Witty**, director, Board of Jewish Education.

JEWISH GENEALOGY SEMINAR

Want to learn more about your Jewish ancestors? If so, the 12th annual International Summer Seminar on Jewish Genealogy is for you! It takes place June 27-30 at the Park Plaza Hotel. The theme is Pathways Through Many Lands. Hosted by the Jewish Genealogical Society of Canada, conference features keynote speakers **Dr. and Mrs. Alexander Kronick**, president and vice-president of the Jewish Genealogical Society of Moscow, along with other speakers **Rabbi Malcolm Stern, Gary Mokotoff, Sallyann Sack** and **Bill Gladstone**, president of the Canadian Society.

Registration fee is $150. For information, call Summer Seminar Hotline, 533-5825, or write JGSC Summer Seminar, P.O. Box 446, Station A, North York, Ont., M2N 5T1.

ASPIRING AUTHORS TAKE NOTE

Award-winning poet and children's author **Rhea Tregebov** critiques manuscripts from aspiring writers as she takes up her post of Writer-in-Residence at North York Public Library from June to September. Adult writers of children's literature only can submit work until mid-July (excerpt, maximum 10 pages). Poets only can submit from July 19 until Septemebr (maximum 10 poems). Call 395-5512 for details.

EPILEPSY SUPPORT GROUP

An Epilepsy Support Group meets Sunday afternoons in North York. The focus is on sharing of experiences and information, creativity and stress management. For information, call **Reisa Gula**, 889-7534.

TODDLER TALK

North York Public Health nurses lead a seven-part series for mothers and fathers of children 1-4 years of age. Topics include nutrition, development, behavior and topics of interest to participants. Series runs Tuesdays, 9:30-11:30 a.m., June 15-July 27, at the Barbara frum Recreation Centre, 20 Covington Rd. Classes are free. babysitting is not provided. To register, call 395-7600.

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PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

The Toronto North Thornhill chapter of the Association of Parent Support Groups of Ontario meets Wednesday evenings for parents troubled by their teens. For information, call 889-4169 or 221-1999.

for seniors

All seniors are invited to a free panel presentation on Looking Ahead: Financial And Legal Matters In The Later Years to be held at The Health Station, 2398 Yonge St. from 2-4 p.m. Wednesday, June 16. Speakers will address financial planning, drawing up wills, power of attorney and living wills. To register, call 486-8666 (space is limited to 75 people). Presentation is sponsored by The Health Station, Sunnybrook Health Science Centre, and SPRINT (Senior People's Resources in North Toronto).

The Aging Network kicks off its sixth year on CIUT-FM, 89.5 in Toronto. The program covers the many issues in the field of aging. An added segment will be nostalgia with **David Weiss** featuring pieces on broadway shows and Hollywood musicals as well as personalities of the past. In addition, Tales from Tin Pan Alley with **Murray Kash** explores the story behind older popular tunes. The program runs every Tuesday from 11 a.m. to noon. For information, call **Charles Goldenberg**, 595-0904.

The Wagman Centre Self-Help Widows Group meets every other Sunday, 1-2:30 p.m. in the Wagman Centre Boardroom, 55 Ameer Ave. The next meeting is June 13. For more information, call **Paula David**, 789-5131, ext. 2271.

The LZA Seniors Club monthly luncheon meeting is Wednesday, June 16, at 11:30 a.m. All balances for the Catskill trip must be paid at the luncheon. Members get together during the week at the Borochov Cultural Centre from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for cards, socializing and such. Cultural Club is popular every Tuesday morning at 10 and the Ladies Group meets Thursdays at 1 p.m.

Ontario Science Centre Wednesday film series features *Dead Ringer* June 16 (noon for seniors, 2:30 p.m. for general audiences) Free with admission to Science Centre. For information, call 696-3127.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club has arranged trips to Israel Nov. 14-Dec. 2; Homowack Hotel in the Catskills, July 11-19; cruises to Stoney Lake, June 24, and Bobcageon, Aug. 26. The series on stretching, relaxing, deep breathing, relieving stress runs Tuesdays 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Course includes reflexology, yoga, diet and many other topics. For information on all trips and activities, call **Lena**, 785-5773, or **Ruth**, 224-5923. Remember the Golden Book to mark special occasions. Donations go to Laniado Hospital in Israel, call **Dorothy Bloomfield**, 787-1526.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club Father's Day dance with a live band is set for Sunday, June 27, 7:30-10:30 p.m. ($4 members, $5 non-members). Trips include Buffalo, June 22 ($20 members, $23 non-members); Raleigh Hotel in the Catskills July 18-25 ($875 Canadian). North York Board of Education programs offer bridge, line and ballroom dancing, fitness, art classes. For information, call 395-7881.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets 7 p.m. Mondays at 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building). For information, call 782-9432 or 635-5604.

At the **Wagman Centre**, 55 Ameer Ave.— Continuing Education Courses, summer 1993, offered in co-operation with North York Board of Education, include Creative Writing, Intermediate Bridge, Tai Chi, Ballroom Dancing, Yiddish Culture and Language, Pottery, Current Events in Yiddish. For details regarding time, dates and fees, call 789-5131, ext. 2267. Other upcoming events include— Wellness Education Group presentation, Looking Good in the '90s, a make-up demonstration with **Susie Rubb** of Kirsch Camouflage Clinic, Wednesday, June 16, 1:30-2:30 p.m. (register by June 15 by calling 789-5131, ext. 2267); a concert featuring Vansickle Ensemble Sunday, June 13, 1:30-3:30 p.m.; a performance by the Toronto Jewish Folk Choir Tuesday, June 15, 7:30-8:30 p.m.; Shaw Festival to see *Blithe Spirit* Wednesday, June 23 (call **Chyla Talesnick**, 789-5131, ext. 2274).

Join the **Young at Heart Seniors** on a trip to the Pines Hotel in the Catskills July 30-Aug. 8 or 9. Call **Doreen** or **Helen**, 635-6343.

Funtime Group, 55 plus, day tours include Buffalo, June 15; boat cruise plus the musical *Camelot* at Orilla, July 29; Stage West for *Same Time Next Year* with **Loretta Swit**, Aug. 11. Call **Sylvia**, 730-0503.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. Phone number is 225-2112.

La'Briyut Wellness Centre nutrition lecture with **Sharon Zeiler** on Thursday, June 17, will focus on Treating Yourself Right In The Heat. Time is 11 a.m.

A Father's Day dessert party with entertainment by singer **Shelly Ovoar** is set for Wednesday, June 16, 1:30 p.m. Members $3, non-members $4.

A trip for members only to the Art Gallery of Ontario is arranged for Friday, June 18. Cost is $7. Available to non-members five days before event at a higher cost. Purchase tickets at information desk. For information, call **Shari**, 225-2112.

Etrog, an Israeli cultural club for Hebrew speaking older adults, meets every Wednesday at 7 p.m. Programs include movies, lectures, concerts and dances. Call **Anna**, 225-2112.

About People

HEALTH COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

Baycrest Centre will have a say in how long-term care reform is implemented in Metropolitan Toronto with the appointment of Baycrest's president and chief executive officer, **Stephen Herbert**, to the Metropolitan Toronto District Health Council's (MTDHC) long-term steering committee.

Stephen Herbert

The 20-member committee has been set up in response to the recently released provincial government report, *Partnerships in Long-Term Care*, and will make recommendations to the Council on how to provide a long-term care system that responds to Metro Toronto needs. The MTDHC recruited committee members who represent the health and social service sectors, consumers and others interested in long-term care.

ALPHA EPSILON PI INTERNSHIP

Jason Gottlieb, a Thornill resident and senior at York University, recently participated in the Alpha Epsilon Pi Fraternity and the Alpha Epsilon Pi Foundation, Inc. Student Internship Program for undergraduate brothers. The program is designed to bring outstanding undergraduate students to the executive office in Indianapolis, Indiana, for an educational experience benefitting the student, his chapter and the programming of the fraternity on a national basis. While there, Gottlieb compiled a philanthropy planning guide in addition to researching collegiate problems such as date rape and alcohol abuse.

Alpha Epsilon Pi is a Jewish fraternity founded in 1913 at New York University.

SECULAR JEWISH CONFERENCE

Toronto speakers and workshop leaders who participated in the annual conference of the Congress of Secular Jewish Organizations held on the Temple University-Amber campus, Pennsylvania, recently, included keynote speaker **David Abramowitz**, executive director of United Jewish People's Order in Canada, whose address was entitled The Legacy Of The Warsaw Ghetto Uprising For Today And Tomorrow; CSJO Curriculum Task Force chairs **Karen Levy**, former chair, CSJO, and **Eva Goldfinger**, Secular Madrikh/Vegvayzer/Leader; Young Adult Workshop leaders, **Zack** and **Raoul Bain**, University of Toronto students, and **Mitch Belman**, college student.

PARLOR MEETING

At a parlor meeting of the Canadian Foundation for Masorti Judaism held at the home of Drs. Mark and Bernice Mandelcorn, Rabbi Harvey Meirovich (2nd from left), director of the rabbinics program at the Seminary of Judaic Studies (Bet Midrash) in Jerusalem, is showing Manley and Barbara Walters and Mandelcorn (right) a copy of a Russian/Hebrew song book. This material was prepared for the campers at Camp Ramah, Moscow.

OPENING CEREMONIES

At the opening ceremonies of the Simon Wiesenthal Center's Beit Hashoah-Museum of Tolerance in Los Angeles, members of the Canadian delegation gathered at the museum's memorial plaza. From left are Malka Green; Jeannine and Alexander Rabb; Rabbi Meyer May, center's executive director; Smadar Peretz, Canadian director of development; Fran and Lawrence Bloomberg.

RUSSIAN RECEPTION

Beth Tikvah Sisterhood hosted a reception for Russian immigrants before the recent gala concert of works by Jewish composers. This event was co-sponsored by the Community Integration Program and Russian integration committee of Jewish Women's Federation. Pictured above (from left) are Betty Yan, hostess; Lilia Finkelberg; Mark Podgoetsky; Judith Tankus, event chair and hostess; Anna Ravikovich, Alla Vaisman, Bella Ravikovich (partially obscured), Maria Podgoetsky, Harriet Liebman and Myra Rotstein, hostesses; Lev Ouchitel; Lidia Guendlina.

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Anger said caused by threat to person's ego

By LEILA SPEISMAN

TORONTO — Anger is not really caused by your children, spouse, other drivers or storekeepers; it is caused by a threat to a fragile or an overinflated ego, says Rabbi Yissocher Frand, a teacher at Ner Israel in Baltimore, and a well-known lecturer and author.

While few of us have conquered our anger, we can at least make an effort, he told an audience of over 500 at Beth Avraham Yoseph Congregation in Thornhill.

He was addressing An Evening with Eitz Chaim Schools, a program designed "to recognize and celebrate the school's achievements," as evening chair Moshe Korolnek explained.

Rabbi Frand also inaugurated the Sam and Sarah Kerzner Memorial Lecture, an annual lecture series endowed by their son Joseph, to commemorate their hard work in helping found and maintain Eitz Chaim, which now has an enrolment of 1,100 students on three campuses.

The sages teach, he said, that those who are constantly angry will go to gehenim (hell), not just after death, but now.

"It means that the person who is always angry, with their children, or their students, is in a living hell," he said.

Anger, he said, is bound up with the trait of gaivah, pride, he explained.

The first time anger is mentioned in the Torah is in the story of Cain, when G-d refused his offering but accepted that of his brother Abel.

"He became angry. What do you mean you don't accept my sacrifice? His anger came from a damaged, thwarted, crushed ego."

Anger caused by ego, said Rabbi Frand, is likened by the Gemarah to idol-worship. "It means that you want things to go your way . When you realize that G-d calls the shots, that the world doesn't revolve around you, you get angry. It's self worship.

"That's why you get especially angry at your spouse," he said jokingly. "She or he should know I'm G-d's gift to humanity."

People get angry when others don't listen to them, assuming that if their children, students, or spouse really loved them, or respected them, as the case might be, they would, he added.

And storekeepers, gas station attendents and dry cleaners who make a mistake giving you change? "They think I'm stupid. You try to make yourself believe it's not your ego — it's the principle of the thing."

When something happens, he advised, take a few seconds before you get anry. Ask yourself why you are getting angry. After all, kids are kids, life is life, you were once a kid and you aren't always perfect.

"If you take a few seconds before you light the fuse, many times you can quash it."

Ask yourself if the situation will still bother you in two days, two weeks, two years. If not, it is not worth gettting angry over.

Remember that anger destroys relationships, with your spouse, your parents, your friends, Rabbi Frand urged. "Is it worth it?"

Rabbi Yissocher Frand

One sage had a "coat of anger," the rabbi said. When he felt he was going to get angry, he went to his room, took off his coat, found the coat of anger, and put it on. By that time, he was no longer angry.

If you must get angry, he said, go into a room and close the door.

Even when you have a legitimate cause for anger, Rabbi Frand said, control it.

"Learn to have patience, with yourself and others. In Jewish tradition, it's not the muscle-bound person who is considered strong — it's the person with patience."

The evening also featured divrei Torah by Grade 7 student Ayala Adler and Grade 8 student Zev Spiro, a well-received and enthusiastic musical presentation by a boys' choir under the direction of Yehuda Gilden, and a presentation of thanks to Kerzner by Rabbi Mordechai Ochs.

As well, senior principal Rabbi Shneur Weinberg presented a cheque for over $18,000 to UJA walkathon chair Alan Weiner, representing the amount raised for UJA by Eitz Chaim students at this year's learnathon.

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Videophone lets centenarian see her family

By CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO — Marta Winnerstein recently picked up her telephone in Mishmar Ha'Emek and saw her great-grandchildren in Toronto.

Using a videophone, the matriarch received happy birthday wishes in full color on her 100th birthday.

"It was a wonderful experience," says Ruth Roth, a granddaughter living in Toronto. "I had the feeling that I was actually visiting with my family in Israel."

The AT&T videophone, the world's first, was officially launched in Canada in December of 1992. Exclusively distributed in Canada through Lenbrook Industries Ltd. of Pickering, Ont., the videophone is equipped with a full-color, 3.3 inch diagonal liquid crystal display (LCD) screen. It plugs into a standard telephone jack and power outlets and retails in Canada for approximately $1,500.

To ensure privacy, the lense shutter can be closed at any time. The fixed-focus lense has a range of up to nine feet. The video moves up to 10 frames per second.

Along with making phone calls to family and friends, even to those who live thousands of miles away, the videophone can be used to conduct visual job interviews or meetings over the phone.

Lenbrook Industries is a Canadian company within the Lenbrook Group, an employee-owned company. Incorporated in 1977, the company has grown steadily. Along with the company's corporate headquarters in Pickering, there are regional sales offices in Calgary, Montreal and Boston.

Lenbrook's customers include major Canadian telephone companies, national department stores, multi-million dollar industrial users, national two-way radio dealers and independent home entertainment retailers throughout North America.

The cost of each videophone call is exactly the same as an ordinary telephone call, says Darlene Jozic of Lenbrook, "but the difference has to be seen to be believed."

There is a self-view mode to check your appearance, an ordinary telephone mode as well as a one-way video mode that lets you see without being seen.

The videophone has numerous other features, including 12-number memory with display, automatic redial and a built-in speaker that allows for hands-free and multiple person conversations.

Jozic says there is a great deal of consumer interest in the videophone. "More and more applications are being explored. We believe that by the end of this decade, videophones will be a standard communications device."

Making a videophone call from Israel to Toronto is 100-year-old Marta Winnerstein in Israel and her great-grandson Danial Roth.

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The CJN encourages readers to direct any queries they might have on an upcoming event to the event's organizers.

****Mix and Mingle Night****
New Image 50 Plus Singles, Sunday June 13 at Earl Bales Community Centre, 7:30pm. Tapes by **Murray Jacobs.** Refreshments. Members $2.00, guests $3.00.
P.S. Still a few seats available on the bus to **The Granit Hotel in the Catskills,** July 30-August 9 (11 days). Call H. Pearson, 633-0397.

A.Y.J.A. (Association of Young Jewish Adults) presents **The Jack DeKeyzer Band** at **Crawdaddy's,** 1500 Steeles Ave. West (at Dufferin), on **Sunday, June 13, 9:00pm.** Band begins at 9:30pm. Cover $10. Proceeds will go to Jewish Immigrant Aid Society. A.Y.J.A. is a non-profit, all volunteer organization for ages 22-35. A.Y.J.A. volunteers needed. Call 760-4149.

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Camping 93', Canada Day weekend. Mtg Sat., June 19. Stanley, 630-2658, Reva 445-8718.

Marcia Levine and Jeff Perlmutar invite you to a tennis roundrobin and dance on Saturday, June 19. Tennis 6:30pm. Reservations a must. Dance 8:30pm. Come early and watch the tennis. At The Valley Tennis Club, 7015 Leslie Street (north of Steeles). Tennis- Members $10, non-members $15. Dance only- $10. For reservations or information call Marcia, 889-0813.
Next function- Pre-Holiday Party. Wed., June 30. 8:30m. Admission $10. No work next day!

Metro Toronto Singles Presents our annual Canada Day Summer Cruise on Lake Ontario. Thurday, July 1. 8:00pm. Call 222-7111 for advance tickets and information. Tickets $22 in advance, $30 day of cruise.

Singles Dance, Sat., June 12. Primrose Hotel, 111 Carlton St., 23rd floor (overlooks Toronto) 8-1am. Dress code. $10. 273-9137, 512-1319.

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Canadian Briefs

Duke of Edinburgh Award winner

TORONTO — High school student Jason Kotler is an achiever. To honor those achievements, Kotler recently accepted The Duke of Edinburgh's Young Canadian Challenge Gold Award from His Royal Highness Prince Edward at a ceremony at the University of Western Ontario. A regal dinner followed the presentations and the Kolters were served a special kosher meal.

Kotler, son of Alana and Harvey Kotler, recently completed high school at Upper Canada College and hopes to enter the University of Western Ontario or McGill University.

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award was established in 1956 by His Royal Highness Prince Philip. The program came to Canada in 1963, and is now active in over 60 countries around the world.

The program seeks to encourage and motivate youth over the age of 14 to become involved in a variety of personal development activities including community service, outdoor expeditions, skills and fitness. The young people who undertake the program select one activity in each category. Each provides for training, achievement and recognition in the basics of good citizenship.

Kotler, 19, has an outstanding record in each area. Along with his scholastic accomplishments, he has been a bus chaperone and ski instructor with the Ravens Ski Club, and a counsellor at Camp Tamakwa in Algonquin Park specializing in kayaking and photography. He owns and operates Photo-Graphics, a photography and T-shirt business.

He has worked on a number of community projects including Stop 103 Foodbank; as a peer counsellor on relationships at his school; and accompanied a community service trip to Venezuela last year.

Addressing the recipients, Prince Edward reminded the award winners that "anyone could say they could have done it but remember that you did it.

— Cynthia Gasner

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Kolel summer study Shabbaton

TORONTO — Responding to a growing interest in summer adult programs, Kolel: A Centre for Liberal Jewish Learning, has instituted its first summer study Shabbaton.

Based on the well-known, four-day national study Kallah in Orillia, this local "mini Kallah" will feature lectures, text study classes, and prayer services all lead by prominent Toronto Reform rabbis.

The theme of the Shabbaton is spiritual and intellectual preparation for the High Holidays. "As we wind down the summer and gradually move into autumn, the turning of the season is the perfect time for turning inward to self-reflection and turning outward to community," said Kolel's director and the organizer of the Shabbaton, Rabbi Elyse Goldstein.

There will be three major keynote presentations on the theological aspects of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, followed by small discussion groups to help personalize and explore those themes. Each participant also will select one four-hour shiur (class) with a rabbi. The academic program is rounded out by communal singing, dancing, worship, and of course, eating!

The Shabbaton begins the afternoon of August 21 with seudah shlishit (the Saturday afternoon meal) and continues through August 22 at the Zionist Centre. Registration deadline is July 21 and space is limited. The cost is $75 per person and includes four meals and all materials. Child care is available. For a brochure or more information, call Kolel at 660-3154.

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Rabbi Dratch installed

TORONTO — Enthusiasm, warmth, a plethora of advice and a plea to "join me — together we will make this house a wonderful home," marked the formal installation of Rabbi Mark Dratch as spiritual leader of Shaarei Shomayim Congregation.

Rabbi Norman Lamm, president of Yeshiva University and Rabbi Dratch's father-in-law, performed the installation before a large number of synagogue members and representatives of the Vaad Harabbonim of Southern Ontario.

He urged Rabbi Dratch to resist the temptation to look for simplistic solutions, to view the world as merely black or white.

"This is especially true in our time when there is so much religious polarization," Rabbi Lamm said, where "'we' are progressive and 'they' are neanderthal."

He defined the rabbinical role as encouraging, restraining, teaching, worrying, and being happy with the congregation. "Do your best to ennoble them."

Rabbi Henry Hoschander, president of the Vaad and Rabbi Dratch's predecessor, brought greetings on behalf of that organization. He noted that we live in an age of contrasts when, while Jewish educational institutions are flourishing as never before, society is in a state of "spiritual and social gutter morality."

Orthodox rabbis, he said, "dare not equivocate — they must be strong in supporting Torah values."

He urged Rabbi Dratch to remain "the eternal bocher (young man) in the spiritual and emotional sense, keeping your zeal, enthusiasm and optimism."

Rabbi Dratch, confessing he felt "overwhelmed by your kindness, and by the presence of the other rabbis of the community," said that his goal was to "complete the transformation of the shul to a home, where all Jews can feel the love and warmth of Torah."

A shul, he said, "should be open to all — the old and the young, the disabled, the abused, those who are observant and those who are not. It should be a haven in the turbulent times in which we live; a place that gives comfort and direction to those who seek refuge under its roof."

Rabbi Dratch gave a siyum mishnayos, marking of the conclusion of the study of a portion of Talmud, in honor of his mother, Barbara Dratch, who passed away just after he assumed the pulpit of Shaarei Shomayim.

— Leila Speisman

Jews gather in Saskatchewan

SASKATOON — Some would says that being Jewish in Saskatchewan is not always easy. The population is small, the centres are separated by long distances and they are isolated from Jewish resources.

However, recently Being Jewish in Saskachewan was like being in an extended family as communities joined together at the Manitou Springs Hotel for a weekend of discovery, discussion and fun. Lake Manitou is a salt lake about halfway between Regina and Saskatoon.

About 110 people of all ages gathered for the weekend retreat which kicked off with a session aimed at getting to know one another. Participants were invited to introduce themselves by talking about their roots and displaying meaningful Jewish memorabilia.

A Torah and Aron Hakodesh had been brought from Regina for Shabbat morning services led by Winnipeg resource person Brian Singer.

At one session during the weekend, adults and teens discussed their thoughts about their Jewish identity and assimilation, dating and intermarriage in small group discussions co-ordinated by resource person Patti Moscovitz from California.

Participants brought to the exchange a diverse perspectives based on their varied backgrounds — from large centres with many Jews and small communities with few Jews; from Israel, the former Soviet Union and South Africa. Most agreed, however, that times have changed, and that, with the changes have come some dilution of observance.

Emotions ran high when a video from the 1992 March of the Living was shown.

— Linda Epstein

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Carol Matas honored

WINNIPEG — Author Carol Matas found herself one of the guests of honor at the official opening ceremonies of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington in April.

"I was shocked by the warm reception I received," says the Winnipeg author of novels for teens. "In the museum's bookstore, I asked if they wanted me to sign any copies of my book, *Daniel's Story*. There was a whole shelf of them. I was mobbed. I couldn't get out of there for 45 minutes. They almost sold out the first day. I have never had such an intense reaction to any of my previous books."

Matas began her career as a novelist about 10 years ago writing science fiction. More recently, she has turned to historical novels with Jewish themes.

It was Matas' Holocaust novels that attracted the attention of Holocaust Museum organizers. Last spring, she was commissioned to write a companion novel to the museum's children's exhibit, called Daniel's Story. The exhibit is for children 10 and under for whom it was felt the main exhibit would be too harsh.

Daniel is a composite of children of the Holocaust. Matas' only guidelines were the boy's name, his home town, the name of the concentration camp to which he was sent and the fact that he survives. She finished the book in August.

Matas toured the children's exhibit during the opening and was greatly impressed. "I am proud to be associated with it," she says. "Everyone should see it. It is very well done."

— Myron Love

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Child Rescue brunch

WINNIPEG — On May 16, Winnipeg Na'amat honored Sharon Bronstone, a three-time past president, at its 44th annual Child Rescue brunch.

In addition to her local offices, Bronstone has served on the National Board since 1982 and is currently the national portfolio chair responsible for liaising with allied organizations such as the Jewish National Fund and the State of Israel Bonds. Three years ago, she chaired Na'amat Canada's national convention in Winnipeg.

Bronstone first became active in Na'amat in 1978, shortly after she and her family had returned from living in Israel.

In accepting a plaque, Bronstone spoke passionately about the new day-care centre in Ashdod that is being partially funded by the proceeds from the Child Rescue event.

— Myron Love

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Eitz Chaim Torah learnathon raises $18,000 for the UJA

By FRANCES KRAFT

TORONTO — Over 6,000 people took part in this year's United Jewish Appeal (UJA) Walk for Israel, an event which raised in excess of $100,000 to assist in the absorption of Russian and Ethiopian olim. Some 250 youngsters at Eitz Chaim Day School also participated in the fundraising effort, although they were not present at the actual walk.

The walk was held on Victoria Day, a civic holiday during which Eitz Chaim always holds morning classes. In previous years, the walk took place on a Sunday, conflicting with morning classes for Eitz Chaim boys in Grade 4 and up.

This year Eitz Chaim's Grade 6, 7 and 8 students raised over $18,000 for UJA in a 13 1/2-hour Torah learnathon. The learnathon has been an annual event at Eitz Chaim for over 20 years, senior principal Rabbi Shneur Weinberg told *The CJN*. Rabbi Weinberg presented Alan Winer, co-chair of the walk, with a cheque last week.

"I think it's a real tribute to the school that they came up with a way to give their students a learning experience and give them a way to contribute to Israel and their community at the same time," Winer said.

Both Winer and Rabbi Weinberg were dismayed to learn from *The CJN* that Eitz Chaim had been maligned by at least one walkathon participant for holding classes on the day of the walkathon. Rabbi Weinberg denied that classes were scheduled specifically to prevent students from participating in the walkathon.

"The walkathon is a wonderful thing," said Rabbi Weinberg. "We're participating in a very specific way. We accomplish the purpose of the walkathon — to raise money for UJA — and at the same time the students do a huge amount of learning. Instead of abandoning our learning, we double up on our learning. I think we are the most serious participants in the walkathon."

"I have nothing but tremendous respect for what they did and the way they did it," said Winer, who added that he is not an Eitz Chaim parent. "The dedication they show should be an example to other schools as to what they can accomplish if they put their minds to it."

Lastman backs Show Boat

By BEN ROSE

TORONTO — Mayor Mel Lastman of North York has come to the support of *Show Boat* and questioned the actions of its critics.

"The people objecting have never seen the show, and I am at a loss to understand how they can judge something that they have never seen, choosing instead to base their opinions on speculation and unsupported claims," the mayor wrote in reply to Marvin Fremes, a North York resident.

Fremes had written Lastman expressing concern that the *Show Boat* issue is threatening to divide the black and Jewish communities, and asking him to intervene.

"The producer and director of *Show Boat* have offered every assurance that it will be a production that our community can be proud of," Lastman said.

He added that the programming and management of the new North York Performing Arts Centre are the responsibility of Live Entertainment Corporation of Canada and the City of North York "has nothing to do with the shows that play in the Centre."

Special needs children get help

By MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG — Michelle Shenkarow has parlayed a job helping integrate special needs children into the Jewish community into a fast growing new business providing educational software and one-on-one computer tutoring for children with learning disabilities.

Shenkarow, 21, had planned a year of travel and then medical school after finishing university last year. Her plans changed when she accepted a Winnipeg Jewish Community Council term position to research the requirements of special needs Jewish families.

"It was an exciting project," she says. "I surveyed 20 families. I sent them letters inviting them to join in the YMHA Jewish Community Centre programs and arranged to match their children with special buddies."

Shenkarow became the liaison between the families and the Jewish community. "A lot of special needs families had felt they had been turned away by the community and its institutions," she notes. "They weren't prepared to reach out to regular staff. I took the time to visit them and listen to them."

The term position came to an end at the beginning of May. Shenkarow had already started her "Kids Computer Club" at the beginning of the year. She started with a mailing list of friends and neighbors and a list of every school division in the province.

The business has two facets to it, she explains. On the one hand, she has found a ready welcome in school divisions throughout the province. She sells and installs her software and gives instruction on how to use it. She also works one-on-one with special needs children either through the school system or privately.

She buys her software from Canadian companies and, she points out, she has products in English and French. She is getting a Hebrew line of software to allow her to work with children with problems in learning Hebrew.

"With this line, I can help special needs children learn the Aleph-bet and study for their bar and bat mitzvahs," she says.

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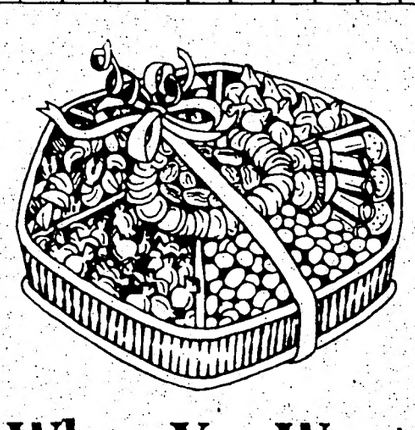

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Organizations and People

United Way project exceeds expectations

By FRANCES KRAFT

TORONTO — It's never a simple task to raise funds. These days, when the recession has affected almost everyone, it's a monumental challenge.

The United Way of Greater Toronto has met that challenge this year with an innovative project which is surpassing organizers' expectations.

The project, known as Unique Lives & Experiences, was planned as a six-part lecture series with a twist. The speakers have all been high-profile women with personal histories reflecting current social issues; the venue, the 3,000-seat Roy Thomson Hall, which, surprisingly, has been lent a feeling of intimacy by the emphasis placed on audience participation (in the form of questions) at each lecture. All lectures have an interpreter for the deaf and hard of hearing.

The sixth speaker, deaf actress Marlee Matlin, scheduled to speak on June 14, will be followed by law professor Anita Hill on Gender and Race in the '90s. Hill's lecture was added to the series when her availability to speak was confirmed after the series had been scheduled.

The lecture will be hosted by Elinor Caplan, MPP.

The United Way, which last year provided funding to 10 Jewish agencies, earmarked the $120,000 raised from Unique Lives for their 32 agencies which serve women exclusively. Among them are the Barbra Schlifer Commemorative Clinic, Education Wife Assault, Jessie's Centre for Teenagers Inc., the North York Women's Shelter, and Working Women Community Centre. According to United Way statistics, three out of four people helped by the organization are women.

The series "has captured the attention of all women," said Anne Golden, executive director of the United Way, in a recent interview. She feels that the series has tapped into a current interest in personal growth, and that women see the speakers as inspirational examples.

Lauren Bacall kicked off the series in February, speaking about Career, Work and Self-Esteem. Bacall was followed by breast cancer survivor Betty Rollin, television talk show host Sally Jesse Raphael, television interviewer Barbara Walters, and Jehan Sadat, widow of the late Egyptian president Anwar Sadat.

Ticket sales for Unique Lives have been "record-breaking," said Golden. Organizers had hoped to sell 80 percent of the seats; pre-series ticket sales to hear all six speakers reached 93 percent. Tickets for individual lectures were also available, and VIP seating at $99.95 a person, including a post-gala reception with the speakers, was sold out.

Tickets, starting at $15.95, are still available for Anita Hill's lecture on June 14. Call Roy Thomson Hall box office at 872-4255, or for VIP tickets, call Anne Golden or Judith John at the United Way, 777-2001.

Kelowna's Bob Levin roasted

By MAURICE LUCOW

KELOWNA, B.C. — Guests travelled from as far as Atlanta, Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg, Calgary and Vancouver to join in the "roast" of prominent Kelowna resident Bob Levin, held in the Capri Ball Room. More than 300 attended the dinner to honor Levin for his work in the Okanagan Jewish Community (OJC), of which he is a past-president.

Roasters included Justice Howard Hamilton; lawyers David Pihl, Jane Cartwright and Tom Kendall; Sunshine Theatre artistic director Greg Tuck; and OJC president, Mel Kotler.

Anita Nadler, program co-ordinator, started off the evening's festivities with a song written especially for the honoree, *I Am What I Am*. Master of ceremonies was Dean Cooper. The honorary chair, Lois Serwa, wife of the local MLA, opened the event with comments reflecting the goodwill and feelings of all in attendance.

Levin expressed his appreciation for the dinner and, in more serious vein, spoke of the sensitive issues of racism which have plagued Kelowna, Vernon and other communities in the Okanagan area.

Keynote guest speaker was Hersh Wolch, of Winnipeg, who reported on the saga of David Milgaard, who was freed recently after spending many years in jail for a crime he didn't commit.

Fundraising chair Mel Kotler announced that the program "met its financial goal and will certainly help in addressing the budgeting and mortgage situation of the new Okanagan Jewish Community Centre."

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Russian referendum seen as boost to democracy

By BILL GLADSTONE

TORONTO — Before last April, many supporters of democracy in Russia may have felt that "democracy was a fragile flower that grows in the fertile soil of Switzerland or England or Canada" but just cannot survive the inhospitable conditions at home.

However, the Russian referendum of last April 25 showed the world "that democracy is a very sturdy flower that grows in all types of soil."

Aurel Braun, a professor of international relations and political science at the University of Toronto, expressed "uncharacteristic optimism" at a recent B'nai Brith luncheon that democracy was taking root in Russia.

"The message of the referendum is that the Russian people are ready for democracy," said Braun, national chair of the Russian and East European Jewry committee of B'nai Brith's Institute for International Affairs. "It's important that Russian President Boris Yeltsin and his supporters act without delay. They must be determined in moving forward."

To bolster his point that Russian society is still undergoing enormous changes, Braun told a joke about a Russian man who falls over a precipice while hiking. After a moment his companion calls down to him, asking how he is. "I have good news and bad news," comes the reply. "The good news is that I don't seem to have any broken bones or major injuries. The bad news is that I'm still falling."

"In some respects Russia is still falling," said Braun. "It hasn't bottomed out yet. The decision to move towards democracy received an enormous boost on April 25 but it has not yet been made irrevocable. An enormous battle is going on."

Yeltsin "is not a Jeffersonian democrat — he has some authoritarian tendencies," Braun noted. "But he understands some of the principles of democracy.

"And unlike Gorbachev, Yeltsin has faith in the people. Gorbachev did not believe in the people. He did not have elections because he said that people might vote the wrong way."

According to Braun, Russia is undergoing a "political legitimacy crisis. This is something Gorbachev never understood. The system had no legitimacy. It was not reformable. Gorbachev put forward 10 economic programs. They all failed and they all failed predictably."

Time and energy should not be wasted in appeasing Russia's die-hard communist party faithful, Braun said. "You can't compromise with the Old Guard because they have a radically different vision. In Russia, you don't have competing democratic visions."

Gorbachev was attempting to bring about "socialism with a human face," much as Dubcek tried 25 years ago in Czechoslovakia, Braun said. "Gorbachev still thinks it will work but it doesn't. It was tried in Eastern Europe. It's a dangerous situation. You just lose time and momentum."

Comparing modern Russia to a house on fire, Braun said, "You don't just throw a little bit of water and then a little bit more. You have to act, you have no time to waste."

He acknowledged that momentum has been lost in the past year and that "a lot has shifted to the forces of repression."

Correction

In the May 28 story on the speech by Gail Pressberg, president, Americans for Peace Now, the article incorrectly identified David Rotenberg, co-chair of the Israel affairs committee of Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region, as the program moderator. Rotenberg introduced Pressberg, but Simon Rosenblum of Canadian Friends of Peace Now was the moderator.

Except for comments in connection with Rotenberg's introduction of Pressberg, *The CJN* incorrectly ascribed words and actions to him which were made by Rosenblum in the latter's capacity as moderator. *The CJN* regrets the error.

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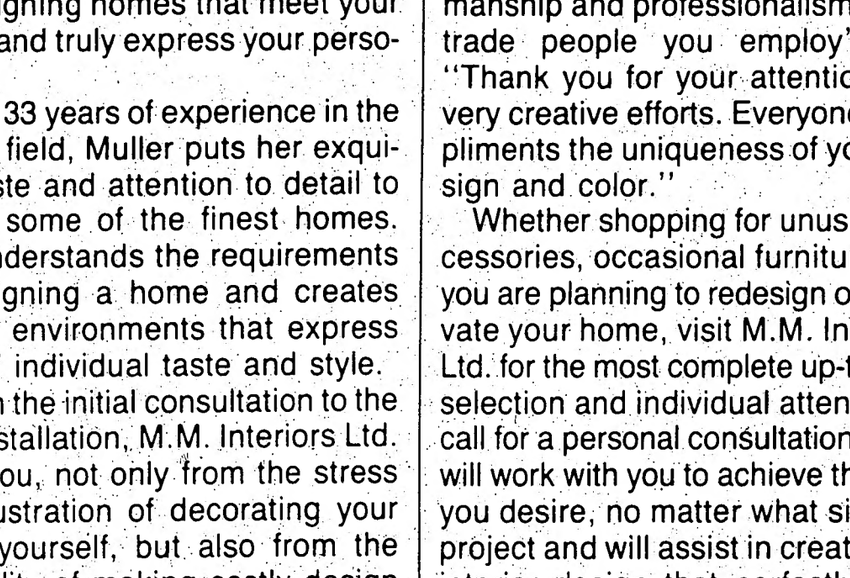

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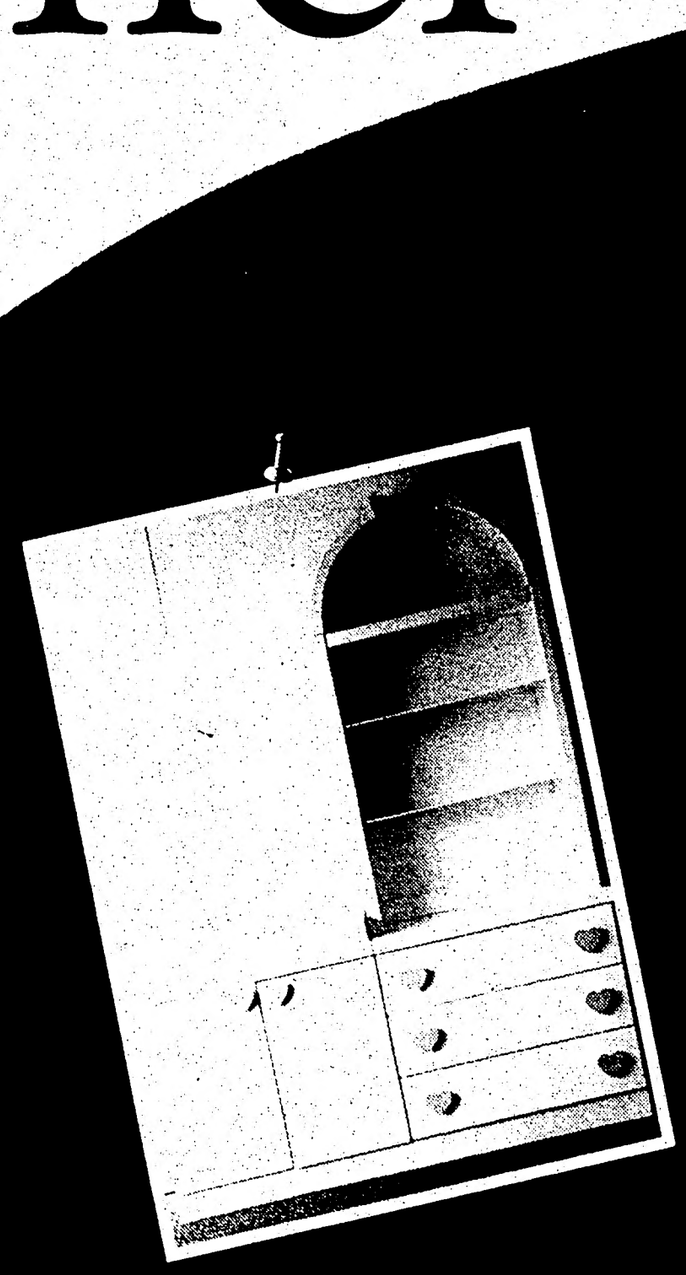

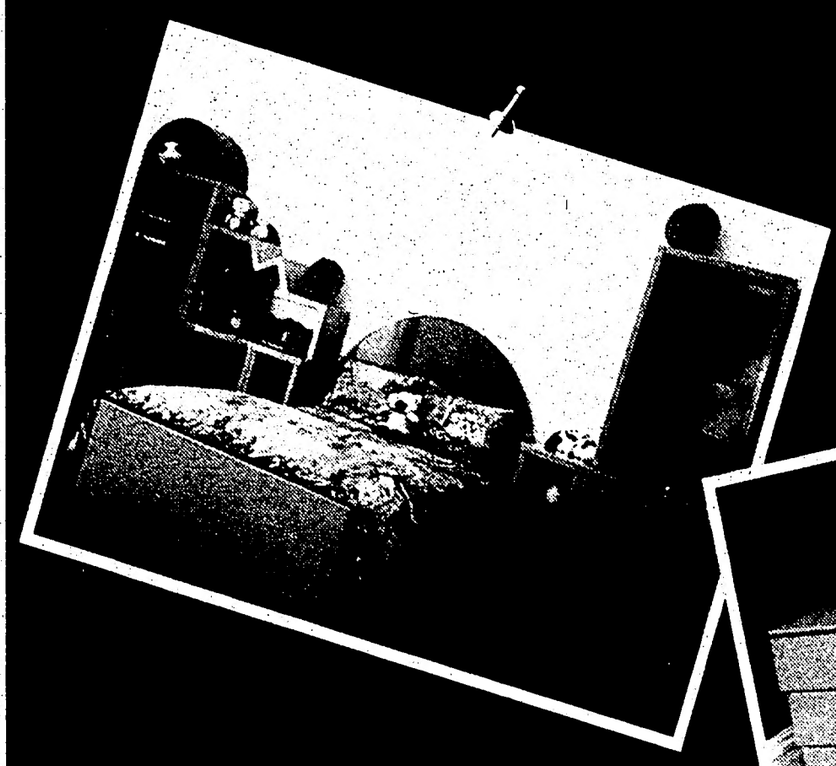

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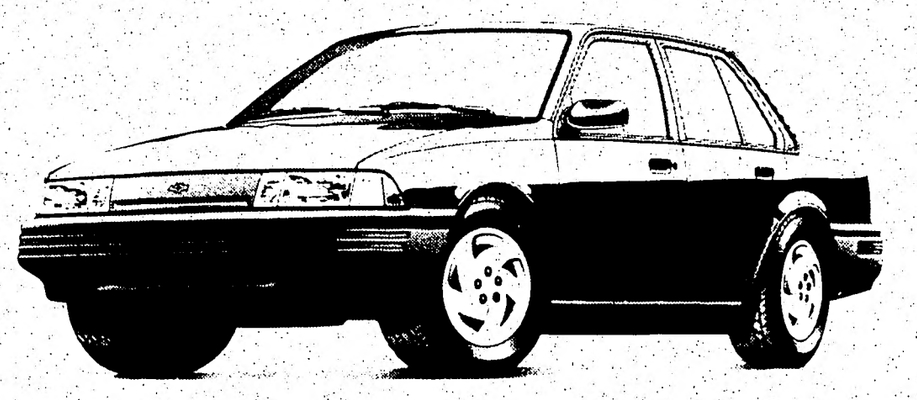

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Organizations and People

Baycrest celebrates 75th at Miss Saigon premiere

By JEFF ROSEN

TORONTO — It was an evening to pay tribute to one established Jewish institution while marvelling at the beauty of another just completed as Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care marked its 75th anniversary with a benefit evening at The Princess of Wales Theatre.

Close to 2,000 patrons, including 200 residents from Baycrest, recently attended a premiere showing of *Miss Saigon* a week prior to the play's official opening night.

The approximately $600,000 raised through the benefit went towards expanding Baycrest's therapeutic and recreational pool activities. Offered at two pools on the Baycrest property, these programs help develop movement and function in elderly people with degenerative diseases, and improve strength, flexibility and endurance in healthy older adults.

*Miss Saigon*Baycrest gala co-chair Penny Offman said that the benefit went very well. She said the pre-performance dinner was well attended, as was the post-performance reception. While this was her second time to see the play — the first being in New York — she said that she enjoyed it more at The Princess of Wales Theatre.

"The cast was very good and the theatre spectacular," she said. "Maybe it was because I was more familiar with it."

Her co-chair, Lynda Prince said that while the play was not like *Les Miz*, she still enjoyed it very much and was pleased with the fundraiser.

"It was delightful to bring the residents from Baycrest," she said. "They had an incredible evening and the feedback has been tremendous."

While much will be written about the new theatre and play — a story of love in the midst of war — in the coming weeks and months ahead, *The CJN* was able to garner the views of some patrons present at the fundraiser.

Frances Lemberg said that while she found the play "very exciting", she found the music disappointing and "very forgettable."

She said that while the ceiling dome was exceptional, she found the Princess of Wales disappointing and lacked the warmth of its sister theatre, The Royal Alexandra.

Miss Saigon portrays most of its female characters as prostitutes. Lemberg said that it was demeaning, but "that's the way it was in Saigon. In order to survive women had to prostitute themselves."

Her husband Ben Lemberg added that the play showed the "true colors" of the time period, as U.S. soldiers did father children in Vietnam prior to returning to the United States.

He said that overall the play was excellent and that while the theatre was "the most beautiful he has ever seen" he found the sound bad.

Their friend Min Shugar added the play was beautiful and that she was amazed by the scenery.

The play employs 25 different sets which are whisked on and off the stage on tracks embedded in the floor. A three quarter scale helicoper was also created for a pivotal scene in which American soldiers are forced to evacuate Saigon from the roof of the American embassy.

Marvin Starr (left), Lynda Prince, Penny Offman and happy winner Sam and Janice Stern.

Ron and Nancy Swartz said that while the portrayal of the female characters as prostitutes was demeaning, something demeaning could probably be found in almost any play.

Overall they said it was hard to get really involved in the play as they were sitting in the balcony. The theatre's balcony can be reached by climbing four flights of stairs or taking one of the many elevators scattered around the theatre.

Ruth Himel said that this was her second time seeing the play, the first being in New York. However she said that the different versions can't really be compared, as both are wonderful.

She praised the theatre, saying that it will open up Toronto a little more. She also did not think that the play was demeaning to women.

Lynn and Ernest Goodman said that while *Miss Saigon* started slowly it picked up by the end of the first act and that they found it enjoyable.

They did not find the play demeaning, pointing out that this was just part of life at the time.

Sam Stern was the winner of the door prize, a 1993 Cadillac Sedan DeVille, donated by Marvin Starr Pontiac Buick Cadillac Inc.

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Arts

Yiddish Film Festival launched with delightful hoot

By BEN ROSE

TORONTO — The film editing is atrocious, there are no English subtitles, but even those with a smattering of Yiddish will find *Cantor on Trial* a delightful hoot. Where else will you see and hear a synagogue committee looking for a new cantor, headed by a cigar-smoking chairman, and comprised of a man with a straw boater, and a Gilitzeaner (native of Galicia) and a Litvak (native of Lithuania) who violently oppose each other's choice.

A real-life cantor, Leibele Waldman, is the film's star and plays all four candidates for the job.

The 10-minute classic, made in the United States in 1937, is part of the Yiddish Film Festival sponsored by the Jewish Community Centre and the Art Gallery of Ontario, running until July 1.

Cantor on Trial to be shown again June 28, along with a full-length feature *The Yiddish King Lear* is one of four short films which got the festival off to a flying start May 30 at a black tie and blintzes affair.

One of the four, *The Cowboy*, made in 1968, is an audacious one-reeler spoof of the Hollywood western. There are no subtitles but this genre is so well known that even those with little or no Yiddish will get the idea. Yiddish speakers will plutz (split their sides) at the sight and sound of pistol-packing hombres playing poker in a saloon.

As the cowpunchers ride off through the sagebrush, kicking up dust, a narrator intones: "Where are they rushing, do they think they'll be late for Mincha [evening prayers]?"

The Cowboy is being shown three more times, along with features, June 8, 20 and 26. For times and other information call Helen Redner, 631-5688 or Florence Marantz, 924- 6122.

The 15-minute classic, *I Want to be a Boarder*, with English subtitles, though made back in 1937 by Joseph Seiden, is a forerunner of all the switched identity films to follow. The bandy-legged Leo Fuchs begs for a divorce from his wife, Yetta Zwerling, but settles for a plan in which he becomes her boarder and lover. Don't be surprised if you recognize Fuchs' hand-eye movements, head wiggling and body contortions in the antics of comedians like Groucho Marx and Jack Benny.

I Want to be a Boarder will be shown again Saturday, June 12 at 10 p.m. along with the feature *American Matchmaker*.

At the opening reception, Franklin Jacobs, festival chair, and David Perlmutter, JCC president, spoke of the value of these classic Yiddish films in develping an appreciation of European Jewry.

Speaking in part in Yiddish, Elaine Todres, deputy minister, ministry of culture, tourism and recreation, said it is not easy "to be openly Jewish." She added: "It reminds me of Mordecai Richler's definition, 'to be a Jew in Canada is to emrge from the ghetto twice.'

"All of us as Jews have an obligation to remember where we came from. What an achievement for our ancestors, to adjust to the new world and to remeber the world they left!"

An appeal for people to look in their basements for any bits of old Yiddish films was made by Sharon Pucker Rivo, director, the National Centre for Jewish Film, Brandeis University, which suppplied films for the festival.

There are bits missing from certain classics which could be restored if people would be diligent about searching their premises, she said.

Entertainment was provided by the Lenny Solomon Trio and singer-actor Theresa Tova. TV star Harvey Atkin was master of ceremonies.

Harpist Swartz wins Musical Legacy Award

TORONTO — Harpist Jennifer Swartz, 21, this year's winner of Temple Sinai's Musical Legacy Award, will give a free recital June 16 at the temple, 210 Wilson Ave.

The award recognizes the work of a promising young Jewish artist and carries a cash grant of $1,000.

Swartz will play works by Faure, Hindemith, Saint-Saens, Tal and Weinzweig.

A native of Toronto, Swartz and her family are members of Temple Har Zion. She has studied harp at Toronto's Royal Conservatory of Music with Andy Loman and more recently with Marilyn Costello of the Philadelphia Orchestra. She is presently studying for her Bachelor of Music degree at McGill University, Montreal.

— B.R.

Eye on Arts

Dancer and choreographer Shula Saltzman will offer a poignant tribute to the legacy of tradition and hope in her new piece *Sephardic Memories* running June 12-14 at the Leah Posluns Studio Theatre, 4588 Bathurst St.

Sephardic Memories invites the audience to explore the richness and diversity that emerge from this vital culture. Beginning with the Spanish inquisition and the expulsion in 1492, the audience is divided into groups and led on an evironmental journey to participate in the compelling and tender portrayal of anguish and loss, spiritual renewal, celebration and hope.

The work features folk melodies alongside the music of contemporary Canadian Jewish composer Ben Steinberg.

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Ivor Abrahams, Reg Butler, Lynn Chadwick, Jim Dine, Ernst Trova and Elizabeth Frink are among the artists featured in the Large Sculpture Exhibition From Inside to Outside at the Miriam Shell Fine Art, 16A Hazelton Ave. from June 15-Sept. 18.

For more informatino call 925-2461.

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Television and stage singer Robert Pilon will be the featured performer at the Jewish Community Centre of Toronto's 9th annual Sports Celebrity Dinner on June 21 at 6 p.m.

This year's dinner honors the Toronto Blue Jays and will feature such players as John Mayberry, Dick Allen and Otto Velez.

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Jerusalem seen as centre for peace in Mideast region

'Israel's won its fight for survival'

Hirsh Goodman

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO — It took a little bit of time and some repetition for the message to sink in, so contrary was it to the generally accepted perception that Israel for its 45 years of existence has been in constant danger of being overwhelmed by its Arab neighbors.

But the reality is that Israel has won its fight for survival, author and analyst Hirsh Goodman said recently.

"Times have changed, we've won and [it is now necessary] to translate that into peace and prosperity," he told several hundred listeners at the Harry Posen Memorial Lecture of the Jewish Community Centre's Institute for Jewish Learning.

Goodman said the current ongoing negotiations over self-rule are now concerning themselves over "real, tangible, do-able. . . micro-details" like water use, settlers' taxes and interaction between Palestinian and Israeli telephone companies.

He predicted that a canton arrangement, similar to Switzerland, will eventually be adopted, with Israel, the West Bank and the Gaza Strip being self-governing authorities. The major difference between them will be that only Israel will have an army, he said.

Jerusalem could serve as a true city of peace. Sovereignty would remain with Israel though the city could continue to house the offices of the Palestinian leadership, he said.

Goodman, editor in chief of *The Jerusalem Report* magazine, traced the push for peace to several factors:
the continued influx of Russian Jews, destroying the Palestinians' hope for demographically overwhelming the country's Jewish population; the fall of the Soviet Union as Syria's superpower benefactor and offensive arms supplier; the dire economic circumstances Israel's neighbors face; and the fear Palestinian nationalists have for rising Islamic fundamentalism.

Israel's Arab neigbors and the Palestinians have all come to the conclusion that there is no war option against Israel, he said.

Palestinian nationalists see that the PLO has gotten them nowhere while the mosques — at one time supported by Israel as an "antidote to the PLO" — now threaten to gain broader public support.

Palestinians in the territories are facing dire conditions, he said. Both Israel and the Palestinian leadership recognize this as an impending "time bomb."

Syria's economy is in tatters and it badly needs Western investment to ensure stability.

Jordan would make peace with Israel tomorrow if it could, since it too is facing "catastrophic" economic conditions in trying to absorb 400,000 Palestinians expelled by Kuwait in the wake of the Gulf War.

Jordanian officials have talked openly about serving as the breadbasket of Saudi Arabia, supplying it with West Bank oranges and lamb. The country's minister of tourism has already spoken about one day promoting tours to the Holy Land, Petra (Jordan) and the pyramids, Goodman said.

'Real window of opportunity'

Calling himself a pessimist by nature, Goodman said that despite that predisposition, he sees "a real window of opportunity" for peace in the region over the next several years.

As more autonomy is given to the Palestinians, the environment of hatred may disipate and the Israeli public will become more amenable to negotiating a longer term arrangement that takes the forms of regional cantons within some form of federation, he predicted.

Adding to his optimistic assessment was Israel's continuing conomic growth, the ongoing privatization process and the trust of the majority of the population in Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin as someone who could deliver peace.

But Goodman warned that the economic lot of the Palestinians must be improved to forestall a further growth of religious fundamentalism.

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TV show offers therapy for Soviet immigrants

By JOLIE GRIEF

JERUSALEM — The anchor of the television talk show *Immigrants in the Studio* believes the show goes beyond satisfying those hungry for information.

"It's a group therapy session for Soviet immigrants," says Inna Shapiro. "I can't get them apartments or jobs, but I can lift their spirits."

The 34-year-old immigrated to Israel in 1975 from the Ukraine. She started the program over two years ago with veteran television personality Alex Ansky.

Initially, the format of *Immigrants in the Studio* was limited to providing information for Soviet newcomers. But audience requests expanded the show to include entertainment and other lighthearted segments.

Shapiro feels the Soviet immigrant experience has been misunderstood. She explains that since Soviet immigrants endured so many hardships in the former Soviet Union, Israelis expect them to cope well in their new country. To the contrary, Shapiro says.

"Under the communists, you were told where to live and where to work. And if you couldn't get flour or sugar, you'd blame it on the government. In Israel, every need is a personal responsibility. This is a way of life that many immigrants still must learn."

Besides helping newcomers with tips on finding a job in a free-market economy and dealing with Israel's summer heat, *Immigrants in the Studio* also educates Israelis about their new countrymen.

Psychologists explain what aspects of Israeli life immigrants have difficulty with. Interviews are conducted in Hebrew and Russian and subtitled for the benefit of veterans.

Israelis also get a taste of Russian culture, including performances by famous Russian rock stars. For the more romantically inclined, a marriage broker from St. Petersburg will match Soviet women with native-born Israeli men. This is one of the more popular segments and the studio has been inundated with requests for the matchmaker's phone number.

— UJA Press Service

Inna Shapiro, co-hosts a popular television program that offers more than entertainment. The show, geared toward the needs and interests of Soviet immigrants, is also gaining popularity among veteran Israelis. [UJA Press Service]

High tech seminar planned for Israel

A unique high-technology seminar will take place in Israel June 29 to July 9. The program will provide a special opportunity to study Israel's technological achievements first hand through lectures by industry, government and university experts and field trips to high-tech sites throughout Israel.

Israel is a world leader in science and technology. This is due to a national commitment to developing technology and human resources. Top executives from *Fortune 500* companies ranked Israel second only to Japan among countries that encourage research and development.

The seminar program provides thorough exposure to the challenges and opportunities in Israeli high-tech industry. Expert lectures are integrated with field trips to Israeli firms and institutions at the frontiers of technology. Site visits will also include discussions with key individuals in each organization. These will typically involve executives and professionals working in R & D, policy, human resources and marketing.

The seminar is open to a limited number of participants. Those eligible include advanced undergraduates, graduate students and working professionals from a variety of backgrounds. The program takes into account the interests and background of each participant. Special arrangements are being made to accommodate those wishing to explore career opportunities in Israel.

Seminar participants may receive credit from Polytechnic University, the largest technological university in the New York metropolitan area. The seminar is being conducted in co-operation with the AZYF University Students' Department; Technion, the Israel Institute of Technology; the Student and Academic Department of the WZO, and the National Council for Research and Development of the Ministry of Science and Technology in Israel.

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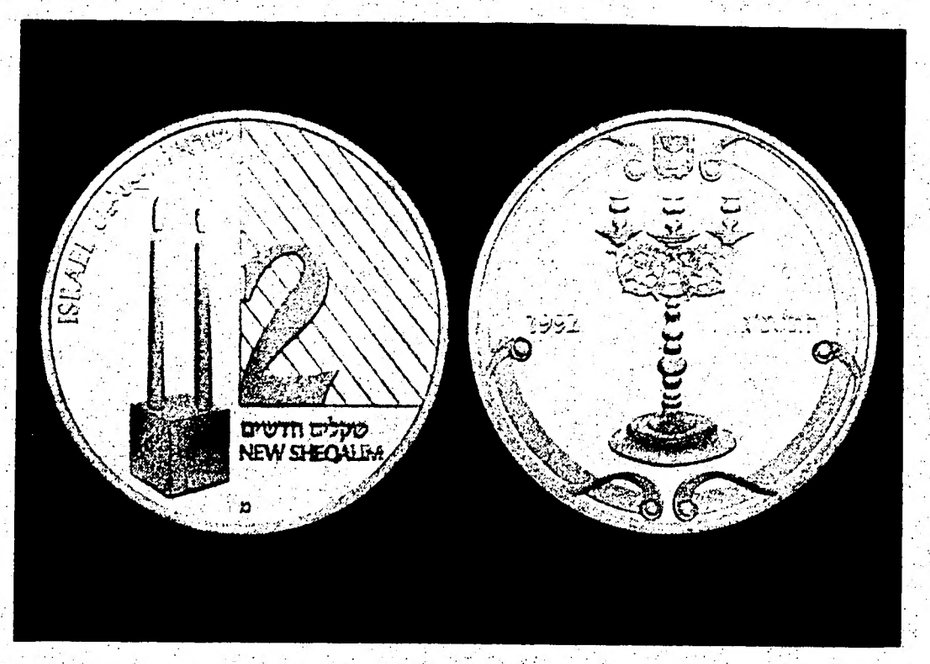

Medals, coins offer glimpse into history

By ELIEZER NADOR

JERUSALEM — There are many ways to remember Israel, help Israel, commemorate Israel. But perhaps there is no better way to show solidarity with Israel, as well as make a sound financial investment, than to purchase Israeli commemorative coins and medals.

Minting coins is nothing new. The King of Lubia produced the first currency almost 3,000 years ago. Then as now, coins offer a glimpse into a country's history and its people and are a tangible symbol of political independence and sovereignty.

Today, the Israel Government Coins and Medals Corporation, a non-profit organization which has been circulating coins and medals since 1961, helps produce those symbols.

For the pure collector, the minting — weight, quantity, type of metal and whether it's B.U. or Proof — of each makes them shrewd acquisitions. Prices increase yearly in value. One coin minted in 1964 at a cost of $83.50 is worth $1,500 today.

For the layman, coins and medals can teach one about the culture, history, religion and spirit of the people and State of Israel.

Commemorative coins are minted annually in gold and silver by the Bank of Israel. These coins highlight national events, eminent personalities and achievements of the State of Israel. They are also legal tender.

The Bank of Israel has been issuing coins in honor of Israel Independence Day since 1958. Chanukah coins issued between 1962 and 1990 depict Chanukiya from around the Diaspora, including 19th-century Czechoslovakia and Algeria, 18th-century England and a unique lamp made from auto parts and scrap metal in the Theresientstadt ghetto.

While coins are issued by the Bank of Israel, medals are the product of the Coins and Medals Corporation. Through them, one beholds the passage of Jewish history and communal life.

Beginning with the first medal in 1958 honoring Israel's 10th anniversary, hundreds of state and award medals have been issued each year in gold, silver, bronze and copper nickel. There are usually 150 medals available to the public at any given time.

Some of the state medals have honored cities, organizations, schools, contemporary and historical events and people. Medals produced for bar and bat mitzvahs, the birth of a child, weddings, brit millahs, and redemption of the first-born son make memorable gifts.

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Teen reunited with family after 9 years

LOD, Israel (JTA) — Nine years ago, 5-year-old Menhale Dessie became separated from her family as they made their way through the Sudan en route to Israel.

Two weeks ago, Menhale, now 14, was reunited with the loved ones who never gave up hope of seeing her again.

At 9 a.m. on a Sunday morning, the entire Dessie family gathered at Ben-Gurion Airport to welcome the daughter they had not seen in nearly a decade. They waited on the tarmac as Flight 542 from Athens touched down and the passengers disembarked.

Menhale, a graceful figure in a flowing white robe, burst into tears at the sight of her parents. Their embrace was captured by dozens of journalists and photographers, who vied for a view of the reunion.

Flanked by officials from the Jewish Agency, the family then entered the airport's absorption terminal, where they continued the reunion in private.

Zimna Berhanie, the Jewish Agency's emissary in Ethiopia, recounted the amazing story that led to Menhale's discovery some five months ago.

"Back in 1984, a group of 70 Ethiopian Jews set out on foot from the Gondar region of northern Ethiopia for a difficult month-long march through the Sudan on their way to Israel. They were forced to travel at night and hide by day to avoid detection by the police of the former Ethiopian regime.

"One night," Berhanie said, "the group arrived at a steep passage. One of the guides leading the group offered to carry 5-year-old Menhale on his back. At the bottom, the family discovered that the girl had disappeared."

"After two days of frantic searching," said Berhanie, "the guides warned the family that to stay any longer would put the entire group at risk.

"On September 1984, after a stay of several months in the Sudan, Genetu and Dvora Dessie and their six other children arrived in Israel and settled in Migdal Haemek."

"The Dessies never gave up hope and asked the Jewish Agency's immigration department for assistance. We made every effort to hunt for any shred of evidence that might lead to the girl's whereabouts," Berhanie said.

The breakthrough they needed occurred several months ago, when an Ethiopian immigrant returned to his native village and overheard the story of a girl who had wandered, naked and in shock, into a nearby village some nine years ago.

She had been adopted by a man named Adgeh Kebede, who raised her as his own daughter.

Upon hearing this story, the agency flew the girl's father, Genetu Dessie, to track down the adoptive family. After several days, the agency found Adgeh Kebede, only to learn that Menhale had been abducted a year earlier and taken to a village 150 miles away.

With the help of Berhanie, who enlisted the help of local guides and the girl's adoptive father, Menhale was found four months later working as a domestic.

On May 3, the agency presented the Dessie family with recent pictures of Menhale. The emotional family immediately identified the girl thanks, in part, to a scar she has had since infancy.

With the blessing of her adopted family, Menhale was flown to Israel two weeks later.

Sitting before the media in the absorption hall, Menhale seemed overwhelmed and bewildered by the day's proceedings. Her large dark eyes were rimmed with red and filled with tears. She was too overcome with emotion to speak.

"Having Menhale back among us is a miracle," said the girl's aunt, Rachel Issachar. "There is no other way to describe this reunion and all the events that brought it about."

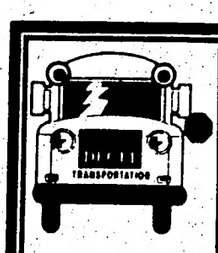
Amid the joy, there was also concern for the teenager.

"This is going to be a very difficult time for her and her family," admitted Jewish Agency official Micha Feldman.

"The absorption of every new immigrant takes time, but Menhale will have special needs that will have to be met. First, she and her family have to become reacquainted," said Feldman.

To ease the way, the agency has already contacted an Ethiopian social worker in Migdal Haemek, where the Dessies reside.

Menhale Dessie, 14, clutches a cloth as her sister Ziva hugs her and cries when the Ethiopian Jewish girl is reunited with family members at Ben Gurion Airport. [RNS photo/Reuters]



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The Papir family in Jerusalem with the jeep and bicycle that brought them from St. Petersburg. [WZPS photo]

Russian immigrant cycles to Jerusalem from St. Petersburg

By ELANA SHAP

JERUSALEM (WZPS) — Once the decision has been made and the papers processed, a new immigrant from Russia can, after a smooth, direct flight of no more than five hours, find himself bidding farewell to the Aeroflot flight attendant and saying shalom to his new home in Israel. Alexander Papir and family did it differently.

With his wife and two young children following in their study Soviet-made Niva jeep, Papir travelled the long mountainous route from St. Petersburg to Jerusalem by bicycle. Loaded only with emotional baggage, their aim was to visit Jewish communities in nine countries on route and learn what they could about Jewish life there. "Unlike my five cycling companions, my family and I left Russia not knowing what effect the experience would have on our future: Would we return or would Jerusalem be our new home?"

Two months and 2,000 kilometres later, Alexander, Valentina, Ghenia, 11, and Gleb, 8, finally made it to Jerusalem — to stay.

Full of anecdotes and impressions of their adventure, the bearded, energetic, 46-year-old Papir, owner of a flourishing construction business in Russia, tells why they made the trip. "I felt an increasing need for first-hand knowledge of my Jewish roots. Neither my parents nor grandparents identified with Judaism or any aspect of Jewish tradition. I wanted my sons to have the educational experience."

In mid-September the group was given a rousing send-off at the imposing St. Petersburg synagogue by a crowd of well-wishers and Maccabi World Union (an international Jewish sports organization) representatives, who, together with the American Joint Distribution Committee, helped organize the bicycle tour. "Even after a solemn trumpet solo marked the start of the journey, none of us quite believed we were really leaving for Jerusalem," says Papir.

"Our first stop was the war memorial in the town of Pushkin, just 20 kilometres from St. Petersburg." His voice wavers. "The inscription on the small monument read, 'In memory of 100,000 Soviet citizens shot by the Nazis.' We all knew the citizens referred to were Jews. Ghenia and Gleb laid flowers on the memorial."

The Holocaust, an issue always suppressed by the Soviet regime, became a "horrifying, inescapable reality" throughout the journey. In Vilnius they were taken on a tour of the Holocaust Museum and in Belz, Moldova, a small group of elderly religious Jews welcomed the group with bread and salt, a traditional greeting for visitors — the only living proof of the decimation of a once thriving chassidic community.

Present day anti-Semitism confronted them in the form of defaced tombstones in the large Western Ukrainian cemetery of Satnov, dating back to the 17th century.

Uplifting experiences were found in Romania, where the group arrived at Bucharest's central synagogue in time to attend Yom Kippur services led by the city's chief rabbi.

'Sitting on suitcases'

And what of the future in Romania? Papir's impression was that everyone they met was literally "sitting on their suitcases — getting ready to leave for Israel." In Bulgaria, however, community members emphasized the lack of anti-Semitism and their increasing affluence as justification for staying.

Their first encounter with Sephardi Jews was in the picturesque town of Larissa in northern Greece. "After seeing so many remnants of the past we were touched by the vibrant present the community is experiencing through its youth in Larissa's own Jewish school," says Papir. Eleven-year-old Ghenia most enjoyed "playing tennis with the children."

After two months of cycling some 100 kilometres a day, the group arrived in Israel. The ferry from Greece docked at Haifa and they began the last strenous leg of their journey up the Judean hills to Jerusalem. "Words cannot begin to describe the emotion I felt on arriving at the Western Wall or of the following day's ride down to the Dead Sea and Massada," says Papir. "I just felt that I had come home."

One month later, while the rest of the group are making bookings for the plane back to Russia, the Papir family are well on their way to creating a new life in Israel. Their days are busily filled with flat hunting, Hebrew ulpan classes, and thinking about future employment for Valentina, an optical engineer, and for Alexander himself.

"But it's all worth it. We now understand more of what we are and why we are here. Do you know Ghenia even asked me the other day if I could buy him a Magen David," he says proudly.

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Sasha Povolotsky plays a duet with his son, Jania, in their Tel Aviv apartment. [UJA Press Service]

Soviet immigrant reunited with his 200-year-old violin

By ALBERT DAYAN

JERUSALEM — It's said in Israel that if a Soviet immigrant gets off the plane and he isn't carrying a violin, then he must be a pianist.

Sasha Povolotsky laughs at the humor created by the flood of immigrant musicians to Israel. But he's one violinist who disembarked sans violin.

Povolotsky "lost" his 200-year-old violin several years ago when he was performing in Paris with the USSR State Symphony Orchestra. He had decided to leave the former Soviet Union and knew that tough export laws would prevent him from emigrating with a foreign-made violin of value. If he left it in Paris, he could hope to one day retrieve it.

Joined exodus

Finally, in 1990, Povolotsky, his wife, Anna, and their two children joined the exodus from the former Soviet Union to Israel.

Povolotsky, 44, has been playing the violin since the age of five. A virtuoso, he was admired and respected in Moscow where he was rewarded with a more-than-comfortable lifestyle. Unfortunately, that lifestyle did not include freedom from anti-Semitism.

Anna Povolotsky remembers, "Our children couldn't go out on their own because of the gangs of bandits who terrorized Jewish children. If our children were only robbed or had their nice clothes ripped off, then they were lucky. More often, they would come home beaten."

Although the Povolotskys knew they were going to emigrate, they were wavering between the United States and Israel. The choice was simplified when their oldest child visited Israel as a member of a Russian youth orchestra. She returned exuberant about the country and determined that it should be her family's home.

The Povolotskys agree that it was a wise choice. Anna stresses that she is still amazed that her children can move about freely. Sasha's career, with the help of the Jewish Agency's Operation Opportunity and funding from the UJA-Federation of New York, has not missed a beat. He is playing with Israel's premier Philharmonic Orchestra.

Sasha has rediscovered an old friendship since arriving. While Povolotsky was on stage rehearsing recently, he was told that an acquaintance had just arrived from Paris. "He was carrying a case that I instantly recognized. I was breathless when he opened the case and took out my violin. I took the violin and held it in my arms as if it were a long-lost relative," says Sasha.

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Lahat to take falafel stands off street

By TAMAR SOFER

TEL AVIV (JPFS) — A popular Israeli song written over 30 years ago by Dan Almagor celebrates the country's national snack - falafel. At that time their were two main stands in Tel Aviv's fashionable area, one was called Melech Hafalafel (Falafel King), the other Hameyuash (The Desperate Man). Both were owned by Yemenite Jews and they got lots of publicity. People stood in line to eat the deep-fried, savory chickpea balls and it was the 'in' thing.

Now it seems that outgoing Tel Aviv Mayor Shlomo Lahat is writing the requiem for falafel, the oriental fast food snack which is the equivalent of the Big Mac. The savory falafel balls, served in pitta bread with salad and tehina are deemed to be healthy nutrious meal according to the US Surgeon General.

Under a new city plan, no new falafel stands will be allowed on the fashionable Dizengoff Street, the city's main shopping strip, and it looks like city hall is going to do everything in its legal power to close down those already there.

"We want Dizengoff to look more like a main street in a European city. It is the 'display window' of Tel Aviv, which means it is also the 'display window' of Israel. There is no place for the mess, dirt and stench of falafel stands," says Baruch Yoscovitz, director of Tel Aviv Municipality's planning department.

Dr. Liora Gvion, an expert on the sociology of food at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, sees this as cultural snobbism. "Lahat's plan proves once again that there are politics behind food. The fact that Lahat wants to make Dizengoff more 'European' looking and, in accordance, take the falafel off the street, shows that he sees European culture as better than Middle Eastern or Arabic culture." According to Gvion, falafel is an Arab food, which has been appropiated as Israel's national snack.

The fact that most tourists find falafel fun, exotic food and even consider it a major attraction, doesn't seem to concern city hall. "There are plenty of other places in Tel Aviv where tourists can eat falafel," Yoscobitz says.

To allow Dizengoff residents to live in peace and quiet and to keep up the high standards of the street, the number of restaurants on it has to be limited, says Elhanan Meshy, head of the municipality's business registration department. A residential area is not the place for falafel, with its smells, garbage and, of course, people eating in the street.

So say the people at city hall.

Sounds almost logical. Besides, the current in place for falafel isn't Dizengoff but the city's less snooty Betzalel Market area.

But, if you expect to find happy falafel-stand owners waiting for the disappointed Dizengoff crowd to arrive, here's another surprise: According to the same city plan, the entire market area - clothes at bargain prices, falafel stands and all - is to be transformed into an upscale residential neighborhood. The falafel stands are to be replaced with a high rise.

Two of the original five stands have already sold their spaces back to the municipality, and the city seems to be doing its best to get rid of the rest. Recently their licences to put out tables and chairs were revoked. Meshy says, "This is because they allegedly violated their licence conditions." According to Moshe D'vach, owner of Falafel Yosef, "This is another stage in the battle between the falafel-stand owners and city-hall, which is trying to suffocate us so that we sell them our land rights, and they can proceed with their plans."

The best cheap meal backpackers can get

Falafel Yosef, Falafel Nissim and Falafel Kahol Lavan at the Betzalel market each claim to be the first and original. Falafel Nissim, now owned and run by Yona Cohen, daughter-in-law of the legendary Nissim, says the business was opened in 1936 in another location. After the stand was wrecked by bombs, it was relocated. Cohen understands Mayor Lahat's wish to clean up and beautify the city, yet she feels that even in a more beautiful Tel Aviv, falafel stands should have a place.

"It will be a great shame if falafel stands won't be accessible," she says. "Tourists come here especially to eat our falafel - we are world renowned. And for lots of people, like backpackers and young travelers, this is the best cheap meal they can get. What will happen to them? They'll just stop coming to Israel?

D'vach, of Falafel Yosef, bought the stand 12 years ago. He left the name because it's been there for 50 years and it's also his son's name. "Twelve years ago, things were much better. Lately sales have gone down. Ever since the tables and chairs were taken away, the flow of clients has slowed to a trickle. People prefer to eat sitting down, in a civilized manner."

Time forces change and improvement and falafel stands, too, cannot sit back and relax.

The low flow of costumers forces the falafel hawkers to fight over anyone who happens to walk by. The vendors behind the counters shout across the street, inviting you in and handing you an empty pita before you've even crossed the street.

"Falafel is moving out of Tel Aviv anyway," says Dr. Michael Hopp of the Hebrew University's School of Nutrition, in Rehovot. "I'm not even sure that if you ask people today what is our national food, they'll say falafel. Israelis certainly eat more pizza today than falafel.

"Israelis' eating habits have changed. They eat out much more, they go to fancier restaurants and sit for longer. It's not like in the 1920s and 1930s when people didn't have the time or place to sit down and have a meal, so they bought a falafel, which they ate as they walked back to work."

Indra, Marcus and Barnaby, three English Kibbutz volunteers were spending a day in Tel Aviv, and the obvious choice for a low-budget meal was falafel. Barnaby seemed shocked when he heard of Lahat's plan. ("But falafel is traditional and part of the Israeli culture!" he protested.)

The only Israeli with a pita in hand was Oren, from Holon, who eats falafel "every couple of weeks when I get around to a stand I like." The stands on Dizengoff Circle are among his favorites. He describes Lahat's plan as "stupid, idiotic and ridiculous." However, he admits that if there are too many falafel stands, the street could end up looking pretty bad.

"Lahat should worry about the hygiene and sanitary conditions of the falafel, and not about the furniture put out by falafel stand owners."

As for the uncivilized falafel drippings, he laughs and says: "Pizza and ice cream don't drip? What does he want to do - close down all the street vendors?"

D'vach says he has no intention of giving in to the municipality without a fight. "The livelihood of many families is dependent on these stands. We won't let them take it away from us. All the owners have united to fight against the municipality's plan," he says.

Dan Almagor, father of the falafel song and perhaps the first to label it as Israel's national food, says it will be a sad day when falafel is exiled from Tel Aviv's main streets. "It's our folklore, our culture and a piece of history," he says. "With minimal restrictions, it still can have a place of honor on the high-class streets of Tel Aviv."

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Archery strikes right chord

By RUTH HEIGES

JERUSALEM (WZPS) — A new program in a far-flung Israeli kibbutz has struck a chord which is resonating not only in musical circles but in sporting ones too. Over the past two years, the founders of Mastercourse — Keshet Eilon have been exploring enhancement of violin virtuosity through archery.

"It is not simply a romantic notion dating back to King David, who was both a master archer and a gifted lyre player," says project initiator Amnon Weinstein, himself an avid archer and an internationally recognized master violin maker. "During the weeklong course, the musician's archery skills easily surpass levels that usually take several months of instruction and practice to achieve. One can also see a similar improvement in their violin playing.

"We believe that there is a point of interchange between the archer's bow and the musician's violin," Weinstein continued, "and that the posture, stance and muscles used in both are almost identical. The system of commands from the brain to the hands is also almost exactly the same, and both arts demand a high level of concentration and self-confidence."

Noted violist Pinchas Zukerman once told Weinstein that he believed there was even a motor interface between playing a musical instrument and an individual sport.

Many concert musicians, particularly violinists, play sports to maintain the fitness and stamina required for performing. Shlomo Mintz, however, a world renowned violin virtuoso and musical director of the Israel Chamber Orchestra, did not play football as a boy for fear of injuring his hands. Weinstein's initial invitation to join him for an afternoon of archery would certainly be a safe indulgence.

Under Weinstein's tutelage, Mintz proved almost as much a natural with a bow and arrow as with a bow and violin.

Weinstein, who had been involved in a musical retreat for violinists in the pastoral setting of Kibbutz Eilon in the western Galilee, decided it was time to test his theory on a larger scale. With the help of kibbutz musical director and teacher Gilad Sheba, archery classes were added to the master classes for young Israeli violinists, many of them new immigrants from the former Soviet Union.

By the following summer, this had developed into Mastercourse — Keshert Eilon (the Hebrew word keshet means bow — both the violinist's and the archer's), hosting an international array of students and violin masters from Europe and Israel.

Russian champion archery coach Alexander Lachter, meanwhile, made aliyah and joined the program, and Mintz, who by now travelled with his own custom-made archery bow and arrows, agreed to give his patronage to the project.

For a full week, the young violinists were given daily archery lessons, took master classes, and gave solo performances at Kibbutz Eilon and neighboring communities.

At the course's end, violinist and teacher Professor Itzhak Rashkovsky and Lachter compared their evaluations of each participant. To their astonishment, both were in complete agreement on each individual's progress. Those who had applied themselves and improved in archery made similar progress in their violin playing. Those who had taken a half-hearted approach to one manifested the same approach and results in the other. "It is not enough to practice for 10 hours a day," says Rashkovsky. "A violinist must have physical ability and stamina."

Italian violinist Andrea Cappelletti, who regularly attends Keshet Eilon, and always carries his archery case next to his two Stradivari violins, agrees: "Over the last two years, I have found archery to be the best way of attaining both mental and physical alertness. It's not only a sport. It's a whole attitude. I take as much pleasure in hitting a bull's-eye as in hitting a true note on the violin."

Word on this experiment and the results to date are drawing international interest in both music and archery circles, with sponsorship of a study being considered by an American manufacturer of archery equipment. Friends and supporters of Keshet Eilon, meanwhile, are raising funds for scholarships, instruments and the construction of professional music facilities at Kibbutz Eilon.

One of the greatest testaments to the professional level of the program was evidenced recently when one of its regular participants, Russian immigrant Vadim Gluzman, 18, was the featured soloist at the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra's season opening.

"Zen masters, whose lives are directed toward a search for harmony, use archery to attain this state of being," says Weinstein. "We believe our integration of the uses of the bow will achieve the musical harmony to which we aspire."

Archery and violin-playing go hand in hand at Mastercourse - Keshet Eilon, at Kibbutz Eilon in Western Galilee. [WZPS photo]

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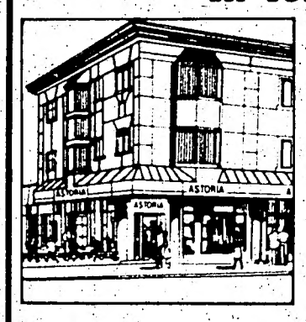

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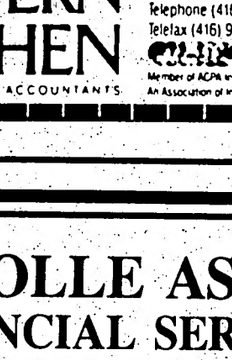

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By SHELDON KIRSHNER

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From the Galilee panhandle to the Negev Desert, kibbutz hotels are geared to serve tourists, whether native or foreign.

Recently, I spent one night and part of a day at Kfar Blum's kibbutz hotel. I thoroughly enjoyed it, as did my Israeli brother-in-law, Avinoam Tomer, a resident of Beersheba.

Last year, Kfar Blum hosted some 30,000 visitors, according to Moshe Atiya, the personable manager.

North of the Sea of Galilee, in the lush Huleh Valley, Kfar Blum is named after a notable Jewish figure, Leon Blum, the former premier of France.

Celebrating its 50th anniversary this year, the kibbutz was originally settled by young people from the Baltic states, Britain, Canada and the United States. Today, its population of 700 is drawn from more than 30 countries.

Kfar Blum's economy also depends on its apple orchards, cotton fields, dairy herd, poultry run and ornamental tropical fish factory.

Kfar Blum's three-star hotel — which occupies a cozy, tree-shaded corner of the manicured grounds — offers guests a choice of 59 simple, tastefully-furnished, air-conditioned rooms with showers, bathtubs, telephones and radios.

Meals, though hardly haute cuisine, are tasty and filling. Supper consisted of vegetable soup, green salad, roast chicken and pudding. The buffet breakfast table was laden with several varieties of cheese, eggs, green olives, sliced bread, rolls, grapefruit, coffee, tea, milk and orange juice.

If you're interested in finding out more about the kibbutz lifestyle, you can join regularly-scheduled guided tours, listen to lectures and video presentations and engage members in conversation.

As befits a kibbutz, the atmosphere on Kfar Blum is determinedly casual.

Kibbuztim take pride in the landscaping, and on Kfar Blum you're encouraged to stroll and admire its rolling gardens, normally ablaze with flowers.

Walks along the Jordan River, which bypasses Kfar Blum, are popular. If you're reasonably adventurous and willing to get wet, try kayaking on the Jordan River. The season extends from April to October. The Jordan is at its most turbulent in April and May, but is tame compared to Canadian rivers.

If you're an avid swimmer, you should head for the Olympic-size pool which is within close walking distance of tennis courts, a basketball court, workout rooms and saunas.

Kfar Blum's Galiland Amusement Park beckons with a minature golf course and a go-cart track. The animal petting farm is a feature that children particularly like.

Alive to the importance of the Christian market, Kfar Blum has invested in a baptism site on the banks of the Jordan River. The multi-million dollar facility includes showers and lecture rooms.

Kfar Blum is in an exceedingly scenic area of Israel.

Until late spring, snow-capped Mount Hermon is clearly visible. On a warm, sunny day, the contrast between the towering snowy peak — the tallest in the region — and the dark green fields beneath is nothing short of amazing.

Due to Kfar Blum's location, day trips to the Golan Heights and the Nahal Ayoun Reserve, with its gushing Tanur waterfall, are within easy driving distance.

For further information on Kfar Blum and other kibbutz hotels, write to the Kibbutz Hotel Association, 90 Ben Yehuda Street, Tel Aviv 61031, Tel Aviv.

Kfar Blum's telephone number is 06-943666.

Unique art exhibitions on display in Western Canada

Stone's 'legacy' comes home

By MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG — Artist Reva Stone's "legacy" has played Calgary and Regina and has now come home to Winnipeg. The piece of, three-dimensional, or installation, art will be on display at the Winnipeg Art Gallery until June 28.

Although originally from Winnipeg's North End, Stone grew up in Regina. She came to this city to go to university, receiving her BA in 1968.

"I was always doing something artistic," she said, "but I didn't get serious about art until my children were in school. That is when I returned to university."

Stone earned a Bacheleor of Fine Arts degree in 1985 and has had her work exhibited in Ottawa, Winnipeg, Saskatoon, Regina and Calgary. Her works are all three-dimensional.

She started working on *Legacy* in 1988. The installation is designed to simulate a child's bedroom with four walls partially enclosing a bed and drawers, junior desk, a computer monitor with mouse and interactive game, three real and 97 simulated television screens, 800 trading cards nailed to the floor in a rug-like pattern, an illustrated wall map of the world and over 1,000 images of toys.

Stone spent three years putting *Legacy* together. It is the first piece in which she has incorporated a computer. She spent a year just learning computer values.

The piece was unveiled last summer in Calgary. It was displayed in Regina in Februrary and went on display at the Winnipeg Art Gallery at the beginning of May. This is the last scheduled stop.

Meanwhile, Stone has just started working on her next project which will also incorporate computers. She says she is playing around with motion detectors for the piece.

Photo exhibit in Vancouver

By MAURICE LUCOW

VANCOUVER — Written with Light, a one-man exhibit by Eric Freedman of color photos of Israel, opens May 31 at Temple Sholom Gallery and runs through until July 11.

Freedman, born in New York, had his first photo published when he was 15. He became a master photographic printer by working in top New York laboratories and after moving to Canada, he produced color separations for the *Vancouver Sun*.

Freedman was one of the first Canadian artists to exhibit abstract photography. He has also photographed wild flowers, ancient artifacts and cultural traditions in British Columbia, Mexico and Greece.

He was based recently in Israel for several years where he photographed a wide array of subjects for the Bruce Coleman Photo Library of New York, and the Ancient Art and Architecture Collection in London.

Freedman's photo art has been exhibited in Canada and the United States, including the Vancouver Art Gallery and the Bau Xi in Vancouver. His photos have illustrated such diverse publications as the *National Geographic Traveller*, a Harper Collins textbook, and books of poetry.

The Temple Sholom Gallery is at 7190 Oak St. The show is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday to Thursday, and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Friday.

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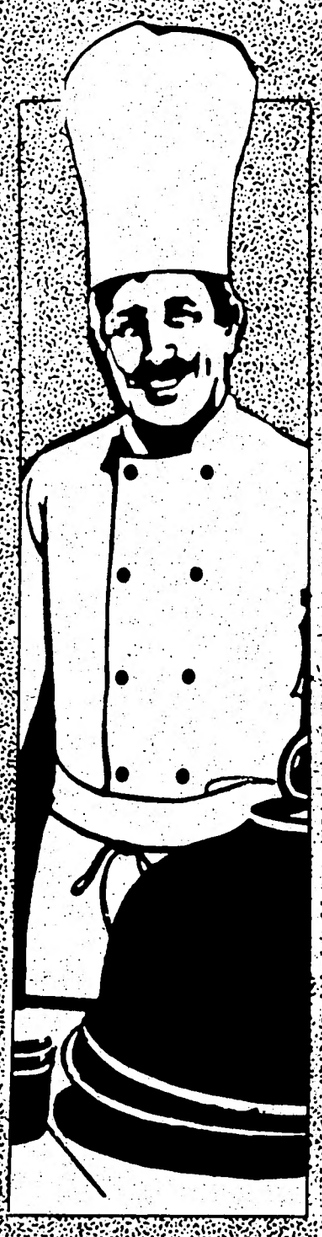

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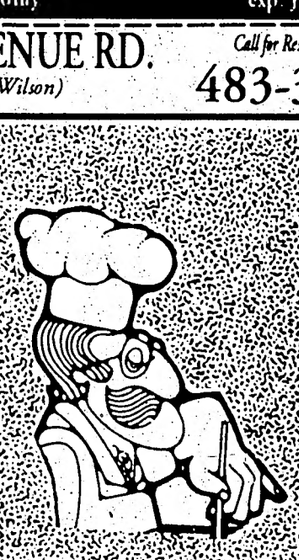

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$$ YOUR FINANCES $$

By PETER ADAMSON AND LAURA WOODHOUSE

Are you concerned about your present or future financial situation? Are you spending more, but earning less? What about your children's college educations? Are you concerned about how to fund your retirement?

Whatever you want to accomplish, you must have a game plan. An important part of your plan should be personal financial planning.

Personal financial planning is a systematic process which will assist you in creating and preserving wealth and security. This process involves:

- analyzing your current financial situation;
- establishing your financial objectives;
- developing strategies to help reach your objectives;
- implementing those strategies; and
- monitoring your progress, including periodic review and evaluation of the overall plan.

In order to prepare a financial plan, you must answer these basic questions:

- Assets: how much do you have?
- Debts: how much do you owe?
- Income: how much money comes in?
- Outflow: how much do you spend?

After you have answered these questions, you should prepare a personal balance sheet which will include your assets and liabilities, and a personal cash flow statement which will include your income and expenditures.

Now that you have established where you are, you must determine were you want to go. Personal financial objectives will differ depending upon your circumstances, but may include the following:

- a good retirement income
- security for your family
- financing educational commitments
- changes in family lifestyle

Once you have established your objectives, consider whether they are realistic. Your chance of achieving your objectives depends on the following variables:

- how soon you want to achieve each of the objectives
- how much you can save
- how much risk you are willing to take
- the rate of return that risk will bring

You may have to redefine your objectives to take these factors into account.

Typically, a financial plan will have the following parts:

- A money management plan which recognizes the size and pattern of your income and expenditures.
- An investment plan which will include your residence, rental properties, stocks, mutual funds, bonds, investment certificates and other types of securities.
- A retirement plan which should take into account your financial needs to create or maintain your desired lifestyle.
- An estate plan which will provide sufficient assets to maintain your family's lifestyle after your death and which assumes the appropriate distribution of your assets to your heirs.
- A risk management plan which includes a review of your insurance needs.
- An education financing plan to cover your family's future education costs.

Once you have developed your plan, it is important to keep track of it on an ongoing basis. If it appears that your plan will fall short of your objectives, consider these options:

- delaying one or more of your objectives
- setting aside more savings
- taking more risk in the hope that your savings will grow faster.

(Peter Adamson is a tax partner and Laura Woodhouse is a tax manager in the Toronto Metro East Office of Ernst & Young.)

Council battles shop thieves

Customers and employees who take merchandise from retail stores without paying for it are stealing over $2¼ billion per year from Canadian retailers. This equates to over $6 million per day, 365 days a year. When paperwork and bookkeeping errors are figured in, total shrinkage increases to over $7 million per day, or $2¾ billion per year.

These shocking figures have just been released in the *1993 Shrinkage Survey of Canadian Retailers* produced by Retail Council of Canada.

"Retailers are no longer going to refer to sticky-fingered individuals as shoplifters but as shopthieves; a much more accurate term to describe the perpetrators of this crime," said Retail Council vice-president Mel Fruitman.

"The effects of these huge losses on the industry are dramatic. For example, an independent retailer is having $5,000 per year stolen from her own earnings.

"If there were no shop theft, retailers would be able to create 100,000 new jobs in their stores. That puts what many consider to be a victimless crime into human terms, doesn't it?" asked Fruitman.

Fruitman added that while the median figure is unchanged from last year, it is likely underestimated. Although more companies returned questionnaires, many were estimating the loss rate. Both the average figure and the weighted average indicated that shrinkage had increased. And, with few exceptions, most individual companies showed an increase.

All types and sizes of organizations are targets for these light-fingered thieves, with some losses ranging from a low a 0.5 percent in shoe stores to a high of 2.7 percent in sporting goods stores.

Thirty-five percent of all respondents indicate that they prosecute all customers caught stealing, while over 30 percent prosecute all employees. Half of the retailers prosecute depending on the particular circumstances and do so in about 60 percent of the cases for employees and 70 percent for customers. The portion who do not prosecute is under 20 percent.

Retailers also note that they are catching more thieves in both categories and feel that it is primarily a result of improved vigilance, and secondarily a result of increased theft. In addition to the actual losses are the costs incurred in attempting to contain them. For one-fifth of stores this amounts to more than 0.5 percent of sales.

"I shudder to think of how much would be stolen if stores were not taking the actions they are," Fruitman added. "Shoptheft is one of the most prevalent forms of crime in this country. It is time that society recognized it as such."

Retail Council of Canada has produced the Shrinkage Survey annually for the past three years. In addition to its survey and Loss Prevention Conference, Council is also offering its latest Profit Network session, Stop Shoptheft, in 34 cities across Canada, beginning this month.

Local firm helps build city hall

By MIRIAM SOBEL

OTTAWA — Building Jerusalem's new city hall has been the most important project of Zeev Vered's career. While the Ottawa developer was responsible for restoring the Peace Tower on Parliament Hill, for sewage plants throughout Ontario, and for projects as far north as Baffin Island, nothing compares to the Jerusalem project.

"There is only one Jerusalem in the world and this is the first time they are building a city hall," said the Israeli born builder.

Without a city hall, the mayor's office and Council Chambers are housed in a Barclay's Bank building constructed during the British mandate. City employees are scattered in offices across Jerusalem.

Vered's Ottawa company, Ron Engineering [named after his son Ron], has handled every stage of construction. They hired the architects, oversaw construction and landscape design, and are even choosing the furniture, telephone system and art.

The new city offices will actually be in a complex of buildings ringing a central plaza, "a people place," with gardens, a stage and a band shell. The plaza can accommodate up to 7,000 people.

The eight-acre site is just outside the walls of the Old City, bordering Arab Eastern Jerusalem. The design, with its huge central plaza, is meant to be welcoming to people from all parts of the city.

Two of the buildings are new and modern, but faced with Jerusalem limestone to blend with the old buildings in the square. Vered's company is racing to have the new buildings finished for June 28 when the mayor will affix mezuzahs to the doorways during a public ceremony. The interiors will be finished over the summer.

The 11 other buildings around the square are a mix of styles and periods — Moslem, Armenian, German, art deco and Russian. Most are over 100 years old. Vered's company will renovate them over the next two years.

The plaza will host its inaugural event next week when it will be used for the opening show of the Jerusalem Festival, a month-long, world-class jazz, dance, and music festival. The opening gala will feature the 120-member Bulgarian choir and the Jerusalem orchestra accompanying a screening of a film about a Russian hero.

Ron Vered, who is overseeing construction of the project, said they are rushing to get the plaza ready so the public can be the first to enjoy the City Hall Square.

"We want to show that the project itself has a lot of facets to it that vary from cultural, to political, to educational. It's more than just office space," he said.

The site has been under construction for five years, a speedy project by Israeli standards, the elder Vered said. All development in Jerusalem has to pass rigorous screening by community groups, environmentalists and archaeologists.

On top of that, the company had to allow for Jewish and Muslim holidays, the intifada and strikes. More recently, for security reasons, Israel closed the borders to Palestinian workers who live in the territories.

Ron Vered said he has been hiring replacement workers from Canada and Israel to finish the project.

Despite the problems, it "looks great" he said, and will be ready on time.

Jerusalem's coal revolution is an unqualified success

By NECHEMIA MEYERS

JERUSALEM — Some of the cleanest air in central Israel is to be found near the coal-burning power station at Hadera, midway between Haifa and Tel Aviv.

This comes as a pleasant surprise to Israelis, many of whom were up in arms in 1975 when the government—alarmed by the oil crisis which followed the Yom Kippur War—announced that future electricity-generating facilities here would be powered by coal rather than heavy oil (the fuel of choice until then). Environmentalists warned that if the plan went ahead, the area around such installations would be covered in black soot, that people and plants in the vicinity would suffer irreparable damage.

The government was worried too. But security considerations dictated that Israel, without significant energy resources of her own, had to diversify her sources of fuel supplies lest existing ones be cut off for one reason or another. This meant oil had to be supplemented by coal.

"That was more easily said than done," observes Dr. Tullio Sonnino, a leading local expert on the utilization of coal for power generation. "Israel," Dr. Sonnino points out, "had to learn from scratch how to procure coal, transport it, unload it, burn it and, finally, dispose of the ash that remained after it was burned."

All of this knowhow was acquired after a few short years, with a minimum of mishaps. And today the Hadera plant, together with a recently opened coal-fired installation at Ashkelon, south of Tel Aviv, are generating some 60 percent of the country's electricity.

The new Ashkelon facility has aggravated ash disposal problems, but, says Dr. Sonnino, most of the ash is already being used as an additive in cement production, and some of the rest, hopefully, will be used in agriculture. For example, researchers at the Agricultural Faculty of the Hebrew University have shown that coal ash mixed with fertilizer is an excellent growing media for flowers and vegetables.

All in all, Sonnino declares, the "coal revolution" has been an unqualified success. Because of price differentials between oil and coal, introducing the latter has saved the country $100 million a year over the last decade. Moreover, since only coal with a low percentage of sulphur is imported, efficient electrostatic precipitators are used to "scrub" the smoke coming out of the chimneys and other clean coal technologies are employed. Israel's coal-fired power stations are more environmentally-friendly than her oil-fired ones.

Like everyone else, Dr. Sonnino looks forward to the day when pollution-free solar energy can largely replace fossil fuels—oil and coal alike. But that will take, at best, 50 to 100 years. Meanwhile, Sonnino declares, "coal has a key role to play in Israel and elsewhere."

Where Israel Buys her coal

While 60 percent of the world's oil reserves are concentrated in Muslim countries of the Middle East, coal is found almost everywhere and Israel can buy it from dozens of countries. Moreover, it is available on good terms because exporters are competing fiercely with one another.

Currently, coal is brought here from South Africa (55 percent), Colombia (20 percent), the United States (15 percent) and Australia (10 percent).

Text helps businesses compete

OTTAWA — The minister of multiculturalism and citizenship has released the second edition of a manual designed to help Canadians compete more effectively in the global economy.

Multiculturalism minister Gerry Weiner released *Multiculturalism Means Business: A Directory of Business Contacts* at the Canadian Ethnic Journalists and Writers Awards dinner in Toronto.

"There is a significant economic dimension to multiculturalism which has a direct bearing on our ability to maximize our resources and prosper in the 21st century," said Weiner.

"Human resources will increasingly become our greatest asset. Linguistic skills, cross-cultural business expertise and natural trade links in the ethno-cultural community can provide Canadian companies with a competitive edge in the global economy."

The directory, which was first published in 1989, has facilitated networking within Canada between mainstream and ethno-cultural business communities.

This has helped develop new products, expand markets and stimulate international trade and investment. It has also increased awareness among Canadians of the relationship between Canadian diversity and its economic prosperity.

The new edition has been updated and expanded to include ethno-cultural business and professional associations, bilateral trade groups, ethno-cultural credit unions, a bibliography and an index that makes the directory easier to use. The directory also highlights the role of diversity in the Canadian economy.

The directory will be available through the Department of Multiculturalism and Citizenship to those interested in receiving a copy.

Israel boosts telecommunication field

By MAURICE LUCOW

VANCOUVER — Israel plans to invest about $1.8 billion (U.S.) in the telecommunications field over the next three years, delegates to Intercomm 93, a telecommunications trade show, were told recently.

The show, held at the Vancouver Trade Centre, attracted exhibitors and buyers from all over the world. Tadiran, one of the top Israeli communications companies, was the sole Israeli exhibitor but another 10 Israeli companies sent delegates to scout the show for sales and purchasing opportunities.

The Israeli delegation was invited by Canada's Department of Trade and Industry and was escorted by Louise Leger of the Canadian embassy in Israel. The Israelis were headed up by Benjamin Noy, Israel's Toronto-based Canadian trade attache.

Noy conducted a two-hour seminar on Israeli technology stressing the market opportunities available to Canadians in Israel. He pointed out that with its highly-qualified labor force, Israel is well positioned for joint ventures with leading telecommunications companies.

Israeli telecommunications sales reached $670 million (U.S.) in 1991 and data comminications sales totalled $150 million (U.S.), according to Noy. He added that about 70 percent of all research and development monies are invested by Israel in electronics.

Tadiran, which has an office in Edmonton, is negotiating with AGT Ltd., the Alberta telephone company, for the sale of hardware and software to the system.

One delegate was Yair Aloni, deputy director-general of the Israel Broadcasting Authority, which is responsible for all radio and TV broadcasting in Israel. He said there are plans to consolidate the radio and TV divisions in one complex in Jerusalem. He wanted information on the design, structure and operations of the CBC's new broadcast centre in Toronto and also on CBC's ability to operate as a bilingual network.

Gideon Shavit, the current Jewish National Fund (JNF) emissary to the Pacific region, assisted the delegation throughout its week in Vancouver. Shavit has taken time away from his business to serve the JNF and to lend his expertise to British Columbian residents.

Banks sign financing agreement

TEL AVIV — The first agreement for financing Israeli exports to Kazakhstan has been signed by Bank Hapoalim and Alem Bank, the bank for foreign trade of Kazakhstan.

In order to finance these arrangements, Bank Hapoalim, Israel's largest financial institution, is providing Alem Bank with a $80-million credit line for five years. It is backed by a policy of the Israel Foreign Trade Risk Insurance Company (IFTRIC).

Ther goal of this credit line is to supply substantial financing for initial Israeli exports to Kazakhstan, principally in the agricultural field.

Amiram Sivan, chair of the board of management of Bank Hapoalim, participated in the signing ceremonies at bank headquarters in Tel Aviv with Dr. Berlin Irishev, chief executive officer and chair of the board of directors of Alem Bank, and Kamila Arstanbekova, chief of Alem Bank's department of project financing and credit lines services.

Sivan said the agreement was surely the first of many future transactions between Israel and Kazakhstan.

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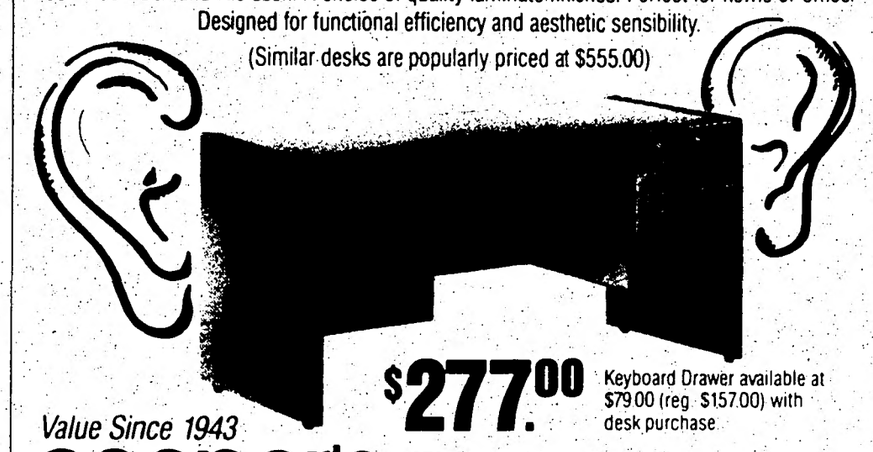

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ECONOMIC NEWS FROM ISRAEL

Scitex profits up

JERUSALEM — Scitex Corporation has announced a 29.5 percent increase in first quarter net profits to $35 million compared to $24.7 million during the same period in 1992.

The figure includes a one-time gain of $4.9 million due to a change in accounting for income taxes. Without the change, Scitex reported a 22 percent profit increase.

Total revenues for the firm, which develops, manufactures and markets color electronic pre-press systems, were $43 million.

Earnings-per-share at the end of the quarter were $0.83 with the accounting charge, and $0.71 without it, compared to an earnings-per-share of $0.66 in the same quarter in 1992.

CEO Arie Rosenfeld announced that sales grew in nearly every market.

"The economic conditions in Europe, where roughly 40 percent of the company's sales are generated, were certainly unfavorable, but despite that, revenues there still grew by 13 percent," Rosenfeld said.

Scitex has subsidiaries in Norway, Japan and the United States.

Revenues in the United States were over 50 percent of the company's total, a 32 percent rise compared to the last quarter in 1992.

In Japan, however, Scitex registered a seven percent drop in revenues compared to last year. To combat this, the company earlier this week appointed a new president to oversee its operations there.

During the quarter, Scitex increased net R&D expenses to $10.3 million up from $9.0 million during the same quarter last year.

Scitex's shareholders equity rose by 4.5 percent during the quarter to $671.9 million from $641.2 million reported at the end of December 1992.

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Cost of living up

TEL AVIV — Israel's cost of living rose an alarming 1.4 percent during April.

It was the fifth straight month that the cost of living index has risen by more than one percent, to the consternation of Israel's economic and trade union leaders.

Based on the indexes for the first third of the year, the inflation rate for 1993 is now expected to be 16.5 percent, a half percent more than was predicted last month.

April's figure brought the index to 239.6 on a 1987 baseline of 100, up from 236.3 in March.

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Sale of bank shares approved

JERUSALEM — The ministerial economic committee has approved the sale of 60 percent of the shares of the Israel Union Bank to a group of Israeli investors led by insurance tycoon Shlomo Eliyahu. The bank's agreed value was $142.5 million. Approval of the Knesset's finance committee for what will be the first privatization of a commercial bank is still required.

Finance Minister Avraham Shochat, expressing satisfaction, said the sale would be only the first of a series of steps "to take the government out of banking" and enable it to recoup a large part of the investment it made in October 1983 when it took over the shares of most of the country's leading commercial banks, investing a sum which now amounts to $9 billion to prevent the collapse of Israel's entire banking system.

The new chair of the bank will be Yehuda Gill, 66, one-time director of the Israeli government's investment authority in the United States.

The ministers brushed aside a last-minute bid by the management of Bank Leumi, which has held the controlling share of the Israel Union Bank.

The next phase in the bank privatization program will be the offer of up to 20 percent of Bank Hapoalim, Israel's largest bank.

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El Al profits down

JERUSALEM — El Al has reported 1992 profits of $31.5 million, down 19 percent from the $38.9 million the airline earned in 1991. 1992 was the seventh consecutive profitable year.

General manager Rafi Har-Lev noted the airline was one of few to report a profit for last year, a year in which the airline industry's leaders had accumulated losses of approximately $5 billion.

El Al's revenue increased by seven percent to $937.8 million, from $877.6 million in 1991. The overall number of passengers carried grew by 11.6 percent to 1.954 million from 1.7 million year before.

However, overall cargo tonnage fell by 1,000 tons to 176,000. El Al officials blamed this drop on the October 1992 Amsterdam crash of a cargo plane, in which close to 50 people perished, including four El Al workers.

Har-Lev said El Al was able to meet its goals by keeping down costs and reacting to changes in the marketplace with "real-time" adjustments.

The state-owned airline reported that its on-time performance remained at 91 percent while in 1990 its on-time performance was 88 percent. The airline's load factor rose to 73.1 percent, from 72 percent in 1991.

During the year, the concern opened service to three new destinations, Beijing, Dallas and Washington, D.C./Baltimore.

According to Har Lev, competition from scheduled and charter airlines caused fares and yields per seat to drop, contributing to El Al's drop in net profit.

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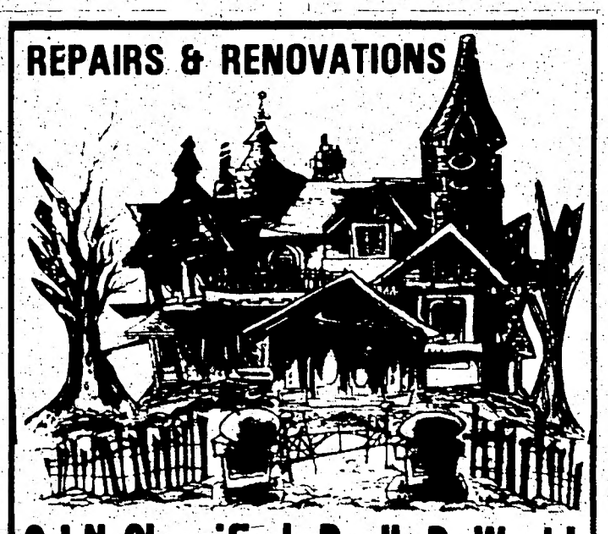

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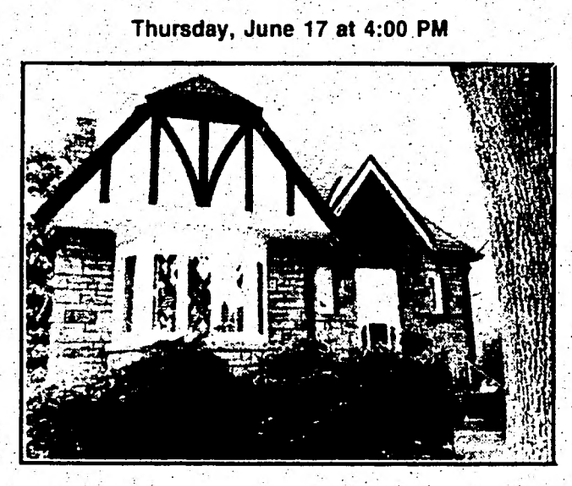

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Bathurst/Clark. 5 min. from Beth Avraham. 4 bdrm. 3 bath. Mn flr Indry. Appls. Open House June 13, 1-4pm. 881-5482.

Bathurst/Glencairn. 4 bdrm backsplit, 4 baths. Rentable basement. $329K. 256-3100.

Bathurst/Lawrence. 3 bdrm det. modern, dble gar. Air, vac. Joseph, 778-2398, 256-0130.

Bathurst/York Downs. On Timberlane. 4,500s.f. Ravine. Indoor pool. Immaculate. Sale or rent. $825,000 or $3,300/month. 636-5281.

15 HOUSES FOR RENT

Wanted: 3 bdrm unfurnished for 1 year starting August. Bathurst/Lawrence. 789-2027.

25 HOUSES WANTED

Wanted: Rosedale North area. 6 month to 1 year lease. Over 2,000s.f. Call collect, 204-895-4789, 204-955-0816.

30 CONDOMINIUM FOR SALE

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$235,000. This charming one owner home is situated on a huge lot. It is an unusual style — a 1½ storey sidesplit & has three bdrms. Quick possession possible. Call AUDREY LEVTOV, 443-0300
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30 CONDOMINIUM FOR SALE

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- **175 HILDA.** 3 bd., balc. $129,900. T. Waxman, 731-7111.
- **135 ANTIBES.** 2 bd., great view, $189,000. Bella Beer, 731-7111.

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Ski Rise Condo Sale
Corner unit 1,800 sq. feet. 3 washrooms, loaded with extras including 5 appliances and storage room. Has to be seen!
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BATHURST/STEELES
"PRIMROSE"
Just listed, one owner, great condition, 2 bedrooms, south exposure, immediate possession, location & convenience! Best value $159,500!
MARIE LIEBERMAN, HOST REALTY INC. RLTR. 226-4343

GEORGE BARON

BATHURST/STEELES. 2-3 bdrm condos for sale. 665-3044 George Baron Realty Ltd.

35 CONDOMINIUM FOR RENT

Bathurst/Centre. Lux. 2 bdrm, 2 full baths, sunroom. Furnished incl. 5 appls. Rec facil. June 15. $1,250 incl. 764-1219.

Bathurst/Clark. 2 bdrm., 2 bath. 5 appls. Verticals. All facilities. $1,150. 889-2913.

Bathurst/Finch (Savoy). 2 bdrm, 2 bath. $1,250. 771-6527

40 CONDOMINIUM FOR SALE/ RENT

GIDEON WAICHENBERG

Bathurst & Steeles, PRIMROSE condos available. RE/MAX VISTA REALTY INC. Gideon 520-5700.

50 ACCOMMODATION AVAILABLE

Furnished bsmt. room in house. Private bath. Cooking facil. & fridge. Bathurst/ Steeles. Ideal for York U. student. Avail. mid July. Evenings, 882-6825.

60 SHARED ACCOMMODATION

Bathurst/Eglinton. Non-smoking roommate to share large 3 bdrm. apartment. 783-1358.

75 APARTMENT FOR RENT

SENIORS' BUILDING
Eglinton/Bathurst

Bachelor & 1 Bedroom Apt.
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Clean, quiet 8 year old building, TTC. at door, recreation facilities.

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75 APARTMENT FOR RENT

Bathurst/Lawrence. 3 bdrm. Available July 1. Close to shopping, subway. 782-5184.

Bathurst/Lawrence. Furn., nice, clean 1 bdrm. Private ent. No Saturday calls, 782-2929.

Bathurst/Lawrence. Large, furn. 2 bdrm. Kosher kit. Close to shuls, shops, TTC. 787-9447.

Bathurst/Sheppard. 1 bdrm. second flr. August 1. 635-5031.

Bathurst/Wilson. 2 bdrm. bsmt. Lndry. Sep. entrance. TTC. $650 plus. 398-0510.

Bathurst/Wilson. 3 bed, 2 bath in triplex. Parking. Appl. Balcony. No shabbos, 635-5955.

Eglinton/Bathurst. Above store. Near subway. $450. July 1st. 781-6252 days.

Lawrence/ Bathurst. 1 bdrm. apt. in quiet & clean sixplex, ground level, laundry, prkg. No smoking, no pets. $525 mo. + hydro. 631-9399. 1st and last.

St.Clair/Dufferin. Above store. 3 large bdrm., near TTC. Immediate. $825. 781-6252 days.

75 APARTMENT FOR RENT

Bathurst/Clark. Large bsmt. apt. 1 bdrm, large kit. sep. ent. Pkg. Close to shul, shops, transit. Non-sm. $600. 886-5642.

Bathurst/Finch. 1 bdrm. 15th flr. Great view. Prkg. 789-4148.

Bathurst/Finch. Beautiful 1 bdrm. bsmt. TTC at door. Close to shopping. Karen, 245-8280.

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105 COTTAGE FOR SALE

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115 COTTAGE FOR SALE/ RENT

Belle Ewart. 4 bdrm. Beaut. grounds. Near shul. 633-3151.

Lake Simcoe. Belle Ewart. 4 bdrm. Dock. $180,000, rent $2,700. 250-6901, 367-3038.

125 FLORIDA PROPERTY FOR SALE

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140 FLORIDA ACCOMMODATION WANTED

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160 ISRAEL PROPERTY FOR RENT

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245 EMPLOYMENT WANTED

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255 DOMESTIC HELP WANTED

Babysitter wanted. Part-time, 3 days/week. 2 girls ages 8 mo. + 5 yrs. Live-out. Avenue/Eglinton area. Starts August 1. Non-smoker. References. 483-2225.

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Experienced live-in nanny to care for 2 children. Good references. Thornhill. 764-3043.

Live-in nanny wanted for 1 child, 3 months old, plus household duties. Responsible, experienced, caring person. References required. 889-5012.

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265 PEOPLE SEARCH

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280 ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST MEETING
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for details

New motorcycle club forming in Thornhill/ Richmond Hill/ Markham/North York area. Men and women and all makes of bikes equally welcome. Peter, 360-1987 or Elliot, 737-8362.

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305 ARTICLES WANTED

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330 OBITUARIES

Ruben Avisar on May 21/93, late of 1121 Steeles Ave. W. #805
Jack Budd on May 21/93, late of 188 Margaret Avenue #711
Bessie Glass on May 21/93, late of 105 Gilmore Crescent
Tobi Solski on May 20/93, late of 980 Lawrence Avenue East #508
Hadassa Lukawitz on May 23/93, late of 80 Antibes Drive #1706
Rose Staschewski on May 22/93, late of 55 Ameer Avenue #312
Henry Fenigstein on May 23/93, late of 282 Strathallan Wood
Rica Bacher on May 24/93, late of 40 Homewood Avenue #2515
Irving Wolfman on May 24/93, late of 132 Cactus Avenue
Bernard Melman on May 26/93, plate of 12 Purdon Drive
Bella Berg on May 25/93, late of 8 The Donway East
Joseph Goldhar on May 27/93, late of 85 Skymark Drive #2301
Toby Gerstein on May 27/93, late of 155 Strathearn Road
Annie Nash on May 25/93, late of 615 Castlefield Avenue
Anna Goldshtein on May 14/93, late of 135 Antibes Drive# 2103
Leonard Fieldman on May 14/93, late of 3270 Bathurst St. #511
Bertha Coleman on May 15/93, late of Pine Villa Nursing Home
Sheldon Steinberg on May 13/93, late of 5937 Bathurst Street #7
Miriam Glick on May 14/93, late of 6040 Bathurst St. #504
Mary Bongard on May 16/93, late of 126 Sultana Avenue
Norma Yurman on May 16/93, late of 15 Northmount Ave
Isadore Smith on May 16/93, olate of 2045 Lakeshore Blvd. W #2907
Dorothy Kaplan on May 14/93, late of 10 William Morgan Drive
Beila Melamud on May 17/93, late of 3560 Bathurst Street
Joseph Rosenberg on May 17/93, late of 31 Chiltern Hill Road
Morley Morrison on May 18/93, late of 19 Pannahill Road
Louis Milgram on May 20/93, late of 1201 Steeles Avenue West #1206
Liselotte Kohn on May 20/93, late of 200 Haddington Ave.

BENJAMIN'S PARK MEMORIAL CHAPEL

330 OBITUARIES

Borsuk, Jack on May 20, 1993, late of 225 Torresdale Ave.
Bowman, Sheila on May 18, 1993, late of 7250 Yonge St., #1011
Brickman, Joel on May 17, 1993, late of Baycrest Home For The Aged
Devor, Israel Dov Berko on May 21, 1993
Erdman, Annie on May 17, 1993, late of 640 Sheppard Ave. E.
Fenkell, Gertrude on May 22, 1993, late of 35 Canyon Ave., #701
Rabinovich, Gabriel on May 22, 1993
Rigberg, Samuel on May 22, 1993
Shinezinger (Singer), Joseph on May 16, 1993, late of 1309 Wilson Ave., #606
Shnier, Rose on May 20, 1993,
Abitol, Rachel on May 26, 1993
Chesterman, Annie on May 29, 1993, late of 39 Delorame Ave.
Dankevy, Morris on May 26, 1993
Greenkraut, Aaron on May 23, 1993

Steeles-College Memorial Chapel

335 UNVEILINGS

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
Pesia Polly Dombrow ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, June 13, 11:30 a.m.
Bathurst Lawn Memorial Park
Tzosmer Section
Relatives & friends are invited to attend

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
BESSIE ZALKEN ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, June 13th, 12:00 noon
Dawes Road Cemetery
Beth David Section
Relatives & friends are invited to attend

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
GOLDIE JOSEPH ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, June 13th, 10:30 a.m.
Pardes Shalom Cemetery
Temple Sinai Section
Relatives & friends are invited to attend

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
BENJAMIN ATKIN ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, June 20th, 11:00 a.m.
Pardes Shalom Cemetery
Section II Row E
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The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
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will take place
Sunday, June 13, 2:00 p.m.
Pardes Sholom Cemetery
Community Section
Relatives & friends are invited to attend

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
Nachman (Nathan) Sokol ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, June 13th, 10:00 a.m.
Bathurst Lawn Memorial Park
Hatzophim Section
Relatives & friends are invited to attend

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
ROSE SILVER ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, June 13th, 11:00 a.m.
Pardes Shalom Cemetery
Farband Section
Relatives & friends are invited to attend

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
WILLY MARTIN ז"ל
beloved father of Harold, Yetta Esther, Jack, Lyla and Frank
will take place
Sunday, June 13th, 1:30 p.m.
Mount Sinai Memorial Park
Beth Shalom Section
Relatives & friends are invited to attend

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
CHASKEL KROHN ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, June 13th, 11:00 a.m.
Roselawn Cemetery
Shomer Shabbos Section
Relatives & friends are invited to attend

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
NATHAN GOLDLIST ז"ל
beloved husband, father, grandfather and brother
will take place
Sunday, June 13th at 10:00 a.m.
Lambton Mills Cemetery
Royal York Road between Eglinton and Dundas
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TOMATOES
.69 19 fl. oz. tin

RIGA
SPRATS
.69 160 g. tin

PRODUCT OF USA, #1 GRADE
FRESH SWEET
PEACHES .99 lb.

ATLANTIC
JUMBO
PAPER TOWELS
.99 2 roll jumbo pkg.

PIK-A-FRESH
PURE WHITE
VINEGAR
1.29 3.78 ltr. jug Kosher

PRODUCT OF ISRAEL
LIEBER
CHOCOLATE & VANILLA
WAFERS
1.29 asst. 450 g.

PROD. OF USA, #1 GRADE
FIRST OF THE SEASON
FRESH
BLUEBERRIES 1.99 pt. box

NO SUGAR ADDED!
ARDMONA
FRUIT CUPS
1.29 asst. 3x142 ml cup

CHAPMAN'S
ICE CREAM
1.69 asst. 2 ltr. carton

CATCH OF THE DAY
SOLE
FILLETS
3.99 400 vac pac

FRESH! NATURAL Save 3.00 lb.
PISTACHIOS 2.99 lb.

We reserve the right to limit quantities to normal family requirements. Limited quantities on some items. We reserve the right to correct printer's errors.

Advertised specials in effect
Wed. June 9-Tues. June 15

TO WILMINGTON STORE ONLY!

FREE SUNNYBROOK Shuttle Bus Service
Tuesdays & Thursdays
PROVIDED BY Shomer Transportation Ltd.

9:30 AM	PICK UP AT **Cedarcroft & Bathurst** (Cedarcroft next to Royal Bank)	9:35 AM	PICK UP AT **135 Antibes Dr.** (in front of apartment building)	9:45 AM	PICK UP AT **15 & 25 Canyon Ave.** (Canyon, near Bathurst Street)
9:50 AM	PICK UP AT **4455 Bathurst St.** (in front of apartment building)	10 AM	ARRIVES SUNNYBROOK	11 AM	DEPARTS SUNNYBROOK
12:40 PM	PICK UP AT **JCC, 4588 Bathurst St.** (at main entrance)	12:45 PM	PICK UP AT **B'nai Brith Building** 4266 Bathurst (on Reiner Rd.)	1:00 PM	ARRIVES SUNNYBROOK
				2:00 PM	DEPARTS SUNNYBROOK

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Transit service will not run on Jewish & Civic Holidays.

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